

Advisory Committee Meeting #3

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility

August 01, 2018 | 5:30 PM TO 8:00 PM

Geneva Fire Station, 4518 Cable Street, Bellingham, WA 98229

Decisions

- August 01 Agenda – Approved
- June 20 Meeting Notes & Committee Emails – Approved
- Public Comment Period
 - Single period for public comment (instead of two) – Approved
 - Single public comment period to occur at end of meeting – Approved
 - Public comment limited to a “soft” three minutes per person – Approved
 - Committee will not respond and or interact during public comment – Approved
- Meeting Dates & Time
 - Extend August 01 meeting to 8:00 PM (originally scheduled for 7:30 PM) – Approved
 - Add a new meeting on September 05 – Approved
 - *Future meetings now scheduled for: 8/20, 9/5, 9/19, and 10/17.*
 - All future meetings: 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM to add 30 minutes – Approved
- Committee Goals Reaffirmed – Approved
 1. What services the forthcoming fee will pay for
 2. Review the costs to provide those services
 3. A fair and equitable rate structure
 4. Stormwater utility rates

Homework / Action Items before August 1 Meeting

Committee

- Review issue papers and be prepared to discuss and make preliminary recommendations
 - Fiscal Policies
 - Alternative Rate Structures

FCS GROUP / Consultants

- Nothing specifically noted

County Staff

- Provide PowerPoint, used on August 01, to committee members and publish to website
- Amend ground rules document to reflect the Decision items under “Public Comment Period”
- Respond to Todd Citron’s request regarding possible additional services that the committee should be considering to fund with fee. If applicable, these would be in addition to those listed below. (Todd was *not* referring to the “ten program areas” from the first committee meeting.)
 - Capital Construction (supplemental funding)
 - Capital Maintenance
 - Enhanced Outreach & Education
 - Homeowners Incentive Program/Residential Retrofit
 - Monitoring
 - Administrative Costs
- Get legal opinion on if the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility could access flood fund reserves
- Investigate revenue from each source, noting how much is from inside / outside of service area
 - Impetus for comment was this bullet from a slide at the June 06 meeting: *FCZD tax already provides over \$1,400,000/yr (FCZD tax only generates about \$340,000/yr in unincorporated watershed)*

Agenda Topics Covered

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve meeting notes from June 20
- Brief Overview of Lake Whatcom TMDL History, and RCW 36.89
- Review of Committee’s Scope
- Overview of Protocol for Public Comments
- ~~Public Comment Period, as determined by the committee~~ (committee decided on single comment period, at end of meeting)
- Committee Decision – Reduce to one public comment period per meeting
- Overview of proposed committee process
- Overview of capital project development
- Cost estimates for services to be provided for fees
- Discussion/Decision – IP#1: Fiscal Policies **Did not finish this topic. To be continued.**
- Public Comment Period, as determined by the committee
- Meeting Summary: Decisions Made & Action Items