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Flood Control District Advisory Committee Meeting Summary - Approved

February 23, 2021

Attendees:

Members: Mayor Leanne Guier, Chair, Pacific; Mayor Ralph, Vice Chair, Kent; Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale, Bellevue; Mayor Kim Lisk, Carnation; Councilmember Michelle Hogg, Duvall; April Putney, Chief of Staff, King County Executive; Mayor Rob McFarland, North Bend; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Councilmember Alex Pederson, Seattle; Mayor Matt Larson, Snoqualmie; Mayor Henry Sladek, Skykomish; Mayor Alan Ekberg, Tukwila; Ken Hearing, Unincorporated King County; Councilmember Linda Johnson, Maple Valley; Councilmember Lorri Bodi, Lake Forest Park; Councilmember Chris Stearns, City of Auburn.

Staff: Michelle Clark, Flood District; Executive Director; Kimberly Matej, Flood District Deputy Executive Director; Diana Phibbs, Chief of Staff, Flood District Chair Upthegrove; Kjristine Lund, Facilitator Brian Murray, Cheryl Paston, Emily Flanagan, Jackie Wheeler, Jamie Burrell, Jason Mulvihill-Kuntz, Kathy Minch, Linda De Boldt, Mike Mactutis, Ron Straka

Mayor Leanne Guier, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call of attendees was taken by Facilitator Lund.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Election of Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Councilmember Hogg and was seconded by Mayor Pavone to elect Mayor Dana Ralph as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Operating Rules

Facilitator Lund reminded the Committee members that they are required to stay up to date with Open Public Meetings Act training.

There was discussion to make two changes to the Operating Procedures:

- Language to provide for virtual meetings during a pandemic
- The addition of Advisory Committee meetings throughout the year

Facilitator Lund agreed to draft proposed language to address their revisions and to present it at the next Advisory Committee for consideration.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Clark gave an update on Flood District activities since the end of August 2020 and plans for 2021.

- Executive Director Clark and Deputy Director Matej are now full time Flood District employees.
- The District is moving forward with hiring of two new staff: Chief Engineer and Administrative Manager/Clerk.
- A new District website was launched.
- The 2021 Budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors totally over \$139 M and was based upon Advisory Committee Letter and 2021 Budget Recommendations

Executive Director Clark and Deputy Executive Director Matej presented the 2021 Internal Work Plan on the new District Website <https://kingcountyfloodcontrol.org/>

Discussion and Questions on 2021 Work Plan

- Councilmember Barksdale asked about grants, CIP work, and website updates.
- April Putney requested a better understanding of how the multi-benefit motion applies to any of the existing or near-future projects.
- Mayor Larson expressed his concern about how multi-benefits relate to Flood District goals to mitigate flood impact.
- Mayor Ralph agreed with Mayor Larson that the Flood District must provide the funding to continue the flood control work.
- There was some discussion about the timing of when bonding and acquisition policies would be completed.
- Committee members asked about where to find information regarding the grant process and application period for the new grant categories.
- Committee members asked to have a briefing emergency repairs.

New District Website

Deputy Executive Director Matej reviewed the new King County Flood Control District website which soft-launched on November 12, 2020. It is accessible on all platforms and is user-friendly.

Other Business

Mayor Guier shared that the county line project provided flood reduction benefits this last flood season.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.