



King County Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

March 29, 2023
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Committee Members:

Chair, Mayor Dana Ralph, City of Kent
Vice Chair, Mayor Rob McFarland, City of North Bend
Mayor Nancy Backus, City of Auburn
Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale, City of Bellevue
Mayor Allan Ekberg, City of Tukwila
Ken Hearing, Unincorporated King County
Councilmember Karen Howe, City of Sammamish
Mayor Armondo Pavone, City of Renton
Councilmember Alex Pedersen, City of Seattle
April Putney, Deputy Executive, King County
Mayor Jim Ribail, City of Carnation
Mayor Katherine Ross, City of Snoqualmie

Alternates:

Mayor Leanne Guier, Alternate SCA, City of Pacific
Councilmember Valerie O'Hallaran, City of Renton
Deputy Mayor Melanie O'Cain, Alternate SCA, City of Kenmore
Councilmember Toni Troutner, Alternate, City of Kent Chair

Guest Speaker:

Reagan Dunn, Chair, King County Flood District Board of Supervisors

Staff

Executive Director Michelle Clark, Cody Eccles, Diana Phibbs, Libby Hollingshead, Cyndee Navarro, C. Maloney, Krista Camenzind, Steve Bleifuhs, Brian Murray, Lorin Reinig, Megan Smith, Martha Neuman, Sherry Edquid, Ron Straka, Kazia Mermel, Janet Geer, Cheryl Paston

Facilitator

Kjristine Lund, Lund Consulting, Inc.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Dana Ralph called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Facilitator Kjristine Lund called roll.

Opening Remarks

King County Flood District Chair Reagan Dunn welcomed all of the members and thanked them for their participation. He briefly outlined the progress made by the Flood District building capital projects and distributing grant funding countywide. He also spoke about goals for the future and the purpose of the District. He stressed the importance of an equitable distribution of Flood District dollars.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Approval of the Meeting Summary from August 16, 2022

Mayor Rob McFarland moved to approve the meeting summary, and the motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Melanie O’Cain. The motion to approve the meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair

Ken Hearing nominated Mayor Rob McFarland to continue as Vice-Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mayor Armondo Pavone. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Operating Rules and Open Public Meetings

Facilitator Kjris Lund mentioned that the rules were last modified in July of 2021. There have been no proposed changes to the rules. She went on to outline what is covered by the rules. There were no questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Michelle Clark shared a Power Point presentation that updated the Committee on the 2023 Adopted Budget and other work by the District since the last meeting. She announced the issuance of the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and the public comment period. She also noted there will be an opening event in late spring/early summer of the Lower Russell Road project. She reviewed several planning and capital investment strategies underway. She announced she will be seeking to fill staff positions in her office this summer. Supporting materials were provided in the meeting packet.

King County River System Orientation

Brian Murry, Manager, Program and Policy Services, River and Floodplain Management Section (RFMS), gave a presentation about how RFMS implements its work as a service provider for the Flood District. The presentation reviewed county river basins and capital projects and how RFMS applies equity and social justice principles. Lorin Reinelt, Managing Engineer, Countywide CIP, RFMS, presented about natural and man-made changes to the rivers in King County. Both presentations are available for reference on the District website and in the meeting packet.

Next Steps

Executive Director Michelle Clark explained the mid-year budget process and how it factors into the budget development for the next budget cycle. She announced that there won’t be any meetings of the Advisory Committee until July when 2024 Budget materials are available for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 pm.