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King County Advisory Committee Meeting Summary Approved

July 27 , 2023

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Committee Members:

Chair, Dana Ralph, Mayor, City of Kent
Vice-Chair, Rob McFarland, City of North Bend
Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale, City of Bellevue
Mayor Carol Benson, SCA, City of Black Diamond
Shannon Braddock, Deputy Executive, King County
Mayor Allan Ekberg, City of Tukwila
Councilmember Karen Howe, SCA, City of Sammamish
Councilmember Valerie O'Halloran, City of Renton
Mayor Jim Ribail, City of Carnation
Mayor Katherine Ross, City of Snoqualmie
Henry Sladek, SCA, Mayor Town of Skykomish
Ken Hearing, Unincorporated King County

Alternates:

Councilmember Toni Troutner, Alternate, City of Kent

Staff

Executive Director Michelle Clark, Libby Hollingshead, Supervisor Perry staff, Cyndee Joie Navarro, Supervisor von Reichbauer staff; Krista Caminzind, King County WLRD; Steve Bleifuhs, King County RFMS; Brian Murray, King County, RFMS; Kazia Memel, SCA; Mike Mactutis, City of Kent; Lacey Jane Wolf, City of Bellevue, Martha Neuman, Seattle Public Utilities; Mike Perfetti, City of Tukwila staff; Steve Klusman, King County, WLRD.

Facilitator

Kjristine Lund, Lund Consulting, Inc.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Dana Ralph called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Facilitator Kjristine Lund called roll.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Approval of the Meeting Summary from July 14, 2023

Councilmember Karen Howe moved to approve the meeting summary, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Henry Sladek. The motion to approve the meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Michelle Clark reported that there has been no Executive Committee meeting since the Advisory Committee last met so she did not have much to share with the group. She wanted to assure everyone that the timeline for the grants has not changed. She mentioned that she received over 800 comments on the Lower Green River Corridor Flood Hazard Management Plan Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, including from the Public Health Community Navigators, in 4 or 5 different languages. A Comment Summary Report will be available by the end of summer. Executive Director Clark continued by sharing information regarding the financial reports which were distributed to members in the meeting packet.

2024 - 2029 Updated Draft Budget

Brian Murray started by reporting that the updated CIP list includes the actions taken by the Executive Committee when they adopted the mid-term 2023 budget. He explained the three new lines which were included in the CIP. There were no other changes made to either the Capital or Operating Budgets. He added that this meeting will be his last with the Advisory Committee because he has accepted a new job with the US Army Corps of Engineers. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to have been of service.

Financial Plan Options for Revenue and Expenses

Steve Klusman started his presentation with a graph discussing the Actual and Forecasted Flood District Expenditures by Type. He walked the Committee through a memo included in the packet about options for the District to consider related to increasing the tax levy, reducing expenditures, and/or bonding for some projects.

Executive Director Michelle Clark commented that it is important for everyone to ask any questions that they may have about these topics. The Committee asked questions about the underlying assumptions for each option. Mayor MacFarland reminded the Committee of last year's letter to the Board in which the Advisory Committee flagged this potential revenue shortfall as a looming issue. Facilitator Kjris Lund shared what was written in the last letter concerning levy increases, and there was discussion about what should be included in the next letter.

Discussion ensued about the need to check in with each member about tolerance for revenue increases in their respective communities and strategies for considering any project cuts given the important life-safety work of the District.

Next Steps

Facilitator Lund said that she will put together an outline of the letter for the meeting on August 17.

Before adjourning the meeting, Chair Ralph thanked Brian Murray again for all of the assistance he gave to the Flood Control District.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.