

**SW 86th Avenue Pump Station
Citizen Advisory Committee – Meeting #1
MEETING SUMMARY
Monday, February 25, 2013
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Garden Home Recreation Center, Room 10**

CAC Members Present:

Bruce Barbarasch	Eric Lindstrom	Brent Boykin-Hicks
Nathalie Darcy	Heather Keithly	Niles Snyder
Marijo Labrousse	Jason Yurgel	

CAC Members Not Present:

John Lee

Staff or other Project Team members:

Debbie Caselton, BES
Bill Ryan, BES
Nora Curtis, Clean Water Services (CWS)
Kristen Kibler, Facilitator

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Committee Purpose, Structure, Groundrules, Roles and Responsibilities, and Protocols
- Roster
- Planting Plan 1 and 2 for SW 86th Ave Pump Station and Fanno Pump Station
- Notice of Decision of the Hearings Officer, Washington county – September 12, 2012
- Fanno Pump Station area Aerial Map

Welcome and Introductions

Debbie welcomed the group and introduced herself, and introduced facilitator Kristen. The meetings will have a separate facilitator, so that staff can listen, answer questions, and participate in the meeting. Kristen reviewed the purpose of the meeting, the agenda and the meeting materials. Introductions were made by members, including the perspectives they hope to represent on the committee, where they live in relation to the SW 86th Avenue Pump Station site, and a question or concern they have.

- Jason Yurgel is the chair of the CPO-3 for the area and wanted to be involved to keep up on the project and how it affects the neighborhood.
- Marijo Labrousse lives on SW 86th (north side of the pump station and the street that is and will continue to be used to access the site) and was around for the

previous construction of the Fanno Pump Station. She was told on the previous project that would be no vibration, noise or odor and that promise was not kept. She is hoping it will be different now.

- Niles Snyder has grown up in the neighborhood and currently lives on SW 84th. He is hoping to be able to keep apprised and be able to relay back to his neighbors what is happening.
- Heather Keithly shares a fence line with the new pump station site and has major concerns about noise during and after construction. She is curious about any changes since the 60% designs she last saw. She wants to understand more about the surge tank construction on the existing pump station site.
- Nathalie Darcy is representing the Trails Advisory Committee and has been working on the trail for over 30 years.
- Brent Boykin-Hicks lives on SW 86th (south of the pump station), is a pipe-fitter by trade and has a specific interest in the mechanics, materials, contracting and engineering of the project.
- Eric Lindstrom has been working on the Fanno Watershed for the past five years, has written a book and wants to know if this CAC is something regulatory or a best management practice that BES does. He is interested in environmental stewardship. (Bill answered that the purpose of the CAC is both a requirement and a best practice. The formation of the CAC is included in an agreement with Clean Water Services, but BES has successfully worked with CACs in the past, specifically the Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant CAC has been meeting for over 20 years.)
- Bruce Barbarasch works at Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and works with CWS and BES.
- Nora Curtis is the Conveyance Department Director at CWS and was here in partnership with BES. There will be different folks from CWS attending future meetings.

Kristen added that the CAC was formed to provide a breadth of perspectives. She asked if they thought any interest was missing at this point. At this time, the group felt there was a wide range of area interests.

Review of Meeting Purpose & Agenda

Kristen reviewed the purpose of today's meeting – the first meeting of the group.

- To agree upon a common understanding of the CAC purpose and member roles
- Answer questions about the project and collect issues the group may be interested in discussing at future meetings (During the meeting, Bill and Debbie would review basic project background and the construction activities that will be occurring related to the pump station.)

A packet of background materials was provided for the members.

Purpose of the Committee/Roles and Responsibilities

The group had been sent a document that outlined “Committee Purpose, Structure, Groundrules, Roles and Responsibilities, and Protocols.” The group discussed the purpose of the CAC and what that meant. The group discussed meeting frequency and questioned how often they would need to meet; Environmental Services assumed monthly until fall.

Eric asked what level of power the committee has. Bill explained that we will be asking the committee for input on specific issues such as noise, outreach, the 2% art program, and any other ways to work with the neighborhood so BES can be a good neighbor. The committee discussed their role at several points in the meeting. Some wanted to learn more to ensure their participation with this group felt worthwhile.

Marijo asked if there are other pump stations like the Fanno Pump Station or the new one that are in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Bill explained that BES has over 97 pump stations throughout the City of Portland and about one third of them are in residential areas. The Sellwood Pump Station that was recently constructed is probably the closest to what the SW 86th Avenue Pump Station would be like, especially in relation to neighbors.

The group wished to discuss and ask more about the project before agreeing to or further discussing their role or the draft document about roles.

Project Background and Status

Kristen asked Bill to explain the city’s sewer system and then the Fanno Pump Station area, and how the agency partners with CWS. Nora spoke about the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and how they review all of BES designs, permits, etc. Bill explained that about a third of the residents in the Fanno Creek area whose sewage flows to the Fanno Pump Station (including all of the neighbors on the north side of the pump station) are residents of Washington County and customers of CWS. The neighbors on the south side, are served by CWS, including some City of Portland neighbors in the Fanno basin.

Heather asked if there is any chance that BES will come back and install bigger pipes or make the pump station larger in future years. Bill explained that that would not be cost effective. There are millions of dollars of capacity and stormwater projects happening in Portland to decrease the volume coming to the Fanno Pump Station/SW 86th Avenue Pump Station. The capacity will decrease over time, but not appreciably in the next 2-3 years.

Brent brought up the issue of the force main pipes having leaking issues. Bill talked about the need for the surge tanks to regulate pressure, the types of pipes that were used and the fatigue to the plastic pipes, which they did not know would happen by previous reviews of pipe type. Bill brought up the need to repair or replace some of the

manways along the pressure main; there are 24 of them approximately every 500 feet. The question was asked if this would disrupt the Fanno trail and would this ruin vegetation. There will be disruption but plenty of notification when this would happen. This will happen during the pump station construction and should be finished prior to operation.

Brent asked if there is a third party reviewing BES design plans and Bill said yes.

Heather asked if there could be some sort of blog that BES could have on this project, something more interactive for neighbors to get input, give input and ask questions. Debbie will look into this.

Eric asked how noise would be managed during construction. Bill and Debbie explained the requirements in the specifications to the contractors, and specifically there will be auger drilling and no pile driving on this project. Debbie explained that potentially one of the noisiest pieces is the removal of the concrete basement and swimming pool during the deconstruction of the house at 7000 SW Caroland. This would last up to a week and plenty of notice will be given to neighbors. There will be no back up alarms on site and no yelling (two-way radio will be used) on the site.

Eric asked if we could reduce the amount of idling and that there are specific concerns about diesel fumes and idling noise. Eric also asked if we could get an explanation about noise in decibels and what things are equivalent to so that neighbors can understand (layman's terms). He asked if the group could see the construction management plan. Bill suggested Debbie summarize the elements of the construction management plan in layman's terms and distribute to the committee.

Bill and Debbie reviewed the elements of construction activities that neighbors and CAC members would see/hear related to the pump station construction over the next couple years. The following summarizes the elements that were highlighted on the map:

- Deconstruction of the existing structure on the site (March/April)
- PGE underground power supply installation along SW 84th Ave (Spring)
- Surge tank installation at Fanno Pump Station (Begins spring)
- SW 86th Avenue Pump Station site prep and construction (beginning summer 2013)
- Pipe repair and related connections to system along pressure line
- Final widening/repaving of SW 86th Avenue (after construction is complete)

The group had many questions and comments about these elements that could not be fully discussed in this first meeting. Some of their questions may be discussed further at subsequent meetings. The following are some of the highlights of the brief question and answer/discussion:

- Will the pump station be enough? Bill shared that any additional facilities, beyond operations/maintenance did not make sense at this location. The modeling done for the pump station is more accurate and other measures are being taken in SW Portland to reduce flows coming in over time.
- Are there redundancies built in for safety in earthquakes? Bill described some of the measures that are seismic requirements.
- Will the new pump station have surge tanks? Yes.
- Interest in seeing landscaping plans – this can be done at a future meeting and information provided via email
- Interest in understanding connections to pressure line; where construction activity will take place along line and affect trail – this can be done at a future meeting and information provided via email
- Will there be landscaping impacts to trail? City of Portland must work closely with THPRD for all approvals on plantings or any changes along the trail.
- Will PGE need to cut down any trees on SW 84th Ave for new power supply? No, possibly some trimming
- What will the widening of SW 86th Avenue look like? The road will be widened to meet County standard requirements. It will be widened from 16 foot to 20 foot. There will not be additional sidewalks added. There was some discussion about why sidewalks are not being added. It is not required; the widening will move the road closer to several properties on this street. There was also a question about whether the small Fanno trail bridge at the creek would be replaced during or because of construction. It will not.
- There were suggestions to keep dust managed on SW 86th Avenue and reduce truck speeds during construction. Items like this are called out in the management plan.
- The group wants more information available on an easy-to-find website; many community members have not been using the City of Portland Environmental Services website. Details about construction mitigation should be easily accessible online, possibly in a blog style.

The group determined there was more information to discuss, but there was not enough time in this first meeting.

Purpose of the Committee/Roles and Responsibilities (Continued from earlier discussion)

Kristen asked the group to go back to the Committee Purpose, Structure, Groundrules, Roles and Responsibilities, and Protocols document. She explained that the Purpose of the Committee section was what was written in the IGA between BES and CWS. After the earlier discussion, the group seemed more comfortable in the purpose of the CAC and their participation.

Kristen asked if everyone agreed with or had more input on the meeting groundrules. Her observation was that the group seemed to already be following these basic groundrules. They had nothing more to add to the groundrules at this time.

The group discussed the frequency and duration of meetings. Staff assumed the group would meet monthly through the year. With discussion, the group agreed to meet the third Monday of the month for the next three months. Those dates would be March 18, April 15, and May 20 – 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Garden Home Recreation Center Room 10. The group would revisit how often they want to meet after that, but there seemed to be a lot to discuss for the next few months. The group all agreed that 90 minutes seemed sufficient for meetings, but in case they wanted longer, they could have that ability to meet for longer. Jason asked if the committee would be able to help pick agenda items. Likely topics for the next meeting will be the bid/construction schedule and construction management plan, including current mitigation measures. The agenda will be drafted and sent to the group for input. Meeting dates would also be posted online and the public was welcome to attend. The group agreed that they would rather have the public make comments or ask questions at the front of the meeting for up to 10 minutes total and then move on with their agenda. The group agreed that they will allow an alternate to attend in their place with notice given to Debbie in advance on who that would be. They would also make sure that person was kept apprised of what was happening previously with the committee.

Jason suggested to the group that they look at the IGA between BES and CWS because it has a lot of useful information. Bill agreed that the IGA could be emailed to the group. Jason also suggested that the group have a more formal voting process, whether by quorum or by two-thirds vote. Kristen suggested by consensus, which would be more useful in discussions where full group agreement was desirable.

Several members asked if they could have a tour of the site prior to the next meeting. Debbie agreed that she would meet them at the pump station site at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 18 to give a tour of the site and then they could meet back at the Garden Home Rec Center at 6:30 pm. (Note: City staff will be at the site from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. on March 18th to allow time to be at Garden Home Recreation Center for the meeting start at 6:30 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at ~8:40 PM

Meeting summary drafted by Debbie Caselton