

SPU Strategic Business Plan Customer Review Panel- **DRAFT**

Meeting Summary for April 5, 2017

Panel Members		Staff and Others		Staff and Others	
Suzie Burke	✓	Mami Hara	✓	Karen Sherry	✓
Dave Layton	✓	Melina Thung	✓	Cameron Findlay	✓
Bobby Coleman	✓	Susan Sanchez	✓	Miles Mayhew	✓
Laura Lippman	✓	Sherri Crawford	✓	Karen Reed, SPU	✓
Noel Miller	✓	Henry Chen	✓	Michael Davis	✓
Rodney Schauf	✓	Rick Scott	✓	Aaron Blumenthal	✓
Puja Shaw	X	Ken Snipes	✓	Peter Lindsay	✓
Kyle Stetler	✓	Madeline Goddard	✓	Karen Reed, Facilitator	✓
Jessa Timmer	✓	Brian Medford	✓	Alex Clardy	✓

1) Welcome/Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Mami Hara welcomed the Panel and thanked Noel Miller and Laura Lippman for briefing the Council Committee on March 31. Mami also expressed appreciation for the partnership of Peter Lindsay and Alex Clardy during the briefing process.

The Panel Chair and Co-Chair will have the opportunity to meet with SPU and the Mayor to brief him on the current status of the Update and general leanings of the Panel. This briefing is scheduled for April 18.

2) Debrief: Council Presentation

Noel and Laura briefed the Panel on the presentation to the Council Committee on April 18; they described the meeting as a positive conversation and that the Committee Chair had expressed interest in learning more about efficiencies.

Mami Hara added that she was pleased that Council recognized the volume of work the Panel has commitment to and the engagement in the Plan Update.

The Council Committee asked for SPU and the Panel Chair and Co-Chair to return to further brief the Committee in the near future.

3) Infrastructure in 2023

Alex Chan and Ben Marre highlighted SPU infrastructure planning and how it incorporates both asset management and proposed Action Plans for 2018-2023. Discussion items included:

Q: Is SPU benchmarking against other utilities regarding pipe replacement needs? A: Yes, we do benchmark, the comparisons can be complicated especially due the age of the infrastructure of east coast Utilities, who may need to replace 10-15 miles of pipe a year.

Q: Which of the reservoirs are covered? The Bitter Lake and the Lake Forest Park reservoirs are covered, Volunteer Park and Roosevelt are out of service.

4) Revised Action Plans and Reduction Options

SPU reviewed Action Plan revisions with the Panel including prioritization and rate path impact as well as a few alternatives for the Panel to consider.

Items of discussion that require further response from SPU:

1. Sewer Cleaning (Action Plan # 5)

- a. What are we spending/what are we saving?
- b. What are the efficiencies?

2. Seattle Municipal Tower (Action Plan #10d)

- a. What is SPU's preference? Original? Combining Alternative 1 and 2? The Panel is unclear on SPU's preferred choice.
- b. What's the savings of the alternatives vs the original (Panel was unclear when looking at the spreadsheet)?
- c. How long will it take for SPU to realize a full ROI on this Action Plan?

3. Rodent Control (Reduction Option #1)

- a. Why is it becoming a higher-risk to cut these funds than originally identified?
- b. If we take the reduction option what does SPU save, since the general fund pays for the above ground program?

4. Dewatering (Action Plan #10a1)

- a. Are there savings from dewatering waste (transportation) that SPU could calculate as a part of the plan update as a savings or efficiency?

Next Steps and Adjourn

The Panel agreed to modify the agenda for April 19 to include Panel discussion time at the beginning of the meeting. This will move the Capacity Charge presentation to the May 3 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm