

CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC) MINUTES

July 9, 2019

Members Present: Don Langley (Chair), Janet Marlow (Vice Chair), Angie Binder, Jay Campbell, Duane Senn, Susan Turnquist

Excused Absence: Tom Coker, Tom Tobiassen

Staff Present: Nancy Freed, Jo Ann Giddings, Sarah Young, Greg Baker, Tracy Young, Gail Thrasher, Fernando Aranda, Greg Hansen, Rory Franklin, Cathy Haddon, Dara Sanders

Visitors Present: Rob Gray

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 11, 2019

The motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. AGENDA TOPICS FROM THE COMMITTEE

There were no topics from the committee.

3. INTRODUCTIONS/PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Citizen Rob Gray introduced himself to the group.

4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS

Janet Marlow requested an update on the Lead Pipe Program. Greg Baker provided statistics. Aurora Water is surprised by the low incidence of lead pipe (37 lead service lines) in Aurora.

5. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- The Aurora Water Annual Tour is scheduled for July 30-31, 2019. G. Baker discussed the draft itinerary.
 - G. Baker updated the committee on water flow conditions. As of yesterday, we are not diverting the Twin Lakes system. Spinney Mountain Reservoir is at capacity, so all water is passing through. We are not holding water in Jefferson Lake as the dam is still being repaired. We can't take Rocky Ford ditch water right now because our Pueblo water storage rights are being supplanted by in-basin users. We are currently twenty-nine percent full in Pueblo. Homestake Reservoir is ninety-eight percent full.
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6. HIGHLINE CANAL PRESENTATION

The committee viewed Tracy Young and Sarah Young's presentation with interest. The presentation explained Aurora Water and Aurora Parks Recreation and Open Space involvement in the plans for making the High Line Canal a multi-jurisdiction recreational park.

7. 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

- Gail Thrasher and Fernando Aranda presented the proposed 2020 Aurora Water Budget.
 - Committee Questions & Discussion:
 - Don Langley asked if there will be changes to the rate & fee structure. F. Aranda said information will be coming up in the next few months concerning proposed fee tier changes.
 - G. Baker reminded the council that the 2020 budget recommendation letter to city council is due typically by the second week of August.
 - D. Langley has the quarterly one page report to WPC completed and ready for submittal.
 - Janet Marlow will attend the WPC meeting since D. Langley is unable to attend.
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8. DECISION ON UPCOMINGS MEETINGS

- It was reconfirmed that the committee will not meet on August 13, 2019.
 - The September 10, 2019 meeting is at the same time as the City Council Boards and Commissions special study session reports. There was a request to tour the Binney Water Purification Facility and September would be the last opportunity in 2019 to tour the facility. The committee will select a date to tour the Binney Facility in lieu of holding a regular meeting in September.
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9. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, October 8, 2019

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2019, in the Lowry Room.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Don Langley, Chair
Citizens' Water Advisory Committee



Submitted by: Dara Sanders
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ADOPTED: 10/8/2019