

Sewer Infrastructure Advisory Group Meeting Summary	July 11, 2013
	3:30- 5:30 p.m.
	City Council Chambers
	Note taker: Adele McAfee
<p>Committee Members:, Steve Galash, Steve Hultberg, Craig Horrell, Sharon Smith (via telephone), Dale VanValkenberg, Andy High, Charley Miller, Lynn Putnam, Mike Riley, Casey Roats</p> <p>COB Staff: Paul Rheault, Jon Skidmore, Aaron Collett, Russ Grayson, Jeff England, Tom Hickmann,</p> <p>Consultants: David Stangel (MSA),</p> <p>Facilitator: Libby Barg & Clark Worth (Barney & Worth)</p> <p>Others: Jim Lord</p>	

Action Items:

- SIAG recommended City Council invest in flow monitoring for Fall 2013 and permanent “real-time” flow monitoring.
- SIAG approved the Community Outreach Plan.

Meeting Summary

Announcements

Financial consultants are working with City staff on updating rates and assessing funding options. They will present financial information to the SIAG on September 12.

Community Outreach Plan

Suggestions from the last meeting were incorporated and distributed. A sign-in sheet went around for SIAG members for outreach volunteers.

There was a consensus of approval of the Community Outreach Plan.

Deficiency Analysis

The results of the deficiency analysis were shared with SIAG. Additional monitoring data provides a much better understanding of the deficiencies, challenges and opportunities within the system. Result show extent of the problem areas is less than what was covered in the 2007 Master Plan.

Presentation Questions

How are the pipe prioritized for assessment?

The City focuses on where the problems have been, as well as service lines to high priority agencies like a school district or hospital.

The need to repair/replace pipes has been ongoing. Why were costs not included in the previous master plans?

It has been an operations and maintenance issue in the past. In an effort to be more proactive than reactive, the City is now including system repair in the planning process.

Is any of the sewer franchise money collected being saved?

No, it goes into the sewer fund for operations and maintenance.

Is the City collecting more than what we are spending from rates in anticipation of this project? Isn't there some accrual going on?

Yes. However, based on what we need to pay for the treatment plant expansion and the solutions for the CSMP, it will disappear quickly.

Can you describe what it means for Bend to have sewer overflows? Is this a short-term condition or is this an environmental calamity?

The city will get fined when there are overflows and it is not good for public health. .

How often does the city have overflows?

At the end of 2012 there were 6 overflows in a one year period.

Regarding the Murphy Rd project, if we were further along, could we have made improvements during this construction?

The City has designed the road to be able to install the sewer without major reconstructing.

Is there already a new line providing service to Mt Washington?

The problem in Mt Washington is odor. The City is investigating solutions that solve the odor problem.

Why weren't there efforts to collect better data in the past?

There is greater understanding today of the importance of collecting good data.

What happens next?

Staff asked SIAG to consider recommending to the council an investment in long-term flow monitoring as this will require a budget adjustment for funding.

What information would SIAG need to make this recommendation?

Comments:

- "This is a no brainer."
- "Do it as soon as possible."

A vote was taken regarding the committee making a recommendation to Council to make an investment in long-term flow monitoring.

All present voted in favor

(Galash, High, Horrell, Hultberg, Miller, Putnam, Reilly, Roats, Van Valkenburg, and Smith)

There was no public comment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:11PM