

Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday April 21, 2009

Public Works Conference Room

CAC Representatives Present

Mr. LaMonte Williams, Chairperson
Ms. Patricia VonOhlen, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Phil Bomersheim
Mr. Douglas Coenen
Mr. Jim Monahan
Mr. Terry Savage

CAC Representatives Absent

None

Public Works Representatives

Mr. H. Reed Fowler, Jr., Director of Public Works
Mr. Roy Chesson, CAC Liaison

Call to Order

Mr. LaMonte Williams called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the March 17, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Discussion of Possible New Members

Mr. Chesson reported that letters of invitation had been sent out to two individuals who had been recommended by current CAC members but that we had not received a response from either of them.

Possible Change to CAC By-Laws

During discussions in the past concerning finding new members for the Committee, it has been noted that the membership requirements as stated in Article II, Section 1 of the bylaws hinders finding enough members. The current requirement is that there be a representative from each voting district and each garbage collection day. At issue is the relevancy of having representatives from each garbage collection day.

Mr. Fowler pointed out that when the CAC was first formed, Solid Waste issues were at the forefront and that pilot programs were being carried out or planned. In light of this, representation from each of the garbage collection days seemed sensible. The Committee's consensus now, however, is that there are few if any Solid Waste issues that affect one garbage collection day differently than other collection days and that garbage collection days are not relevant at all to other Public Works issues. Committee members agreed, however, that there are

enough differences between the primary geographic areas of the City to warrant a requirement that there be some minimum level of representation from each area. It was also agreed that the three voting districts sufficiently define the primary geographic areas. Since residents are already aware of their voting districts and since it is easy for us to determine a prospective member's district, the Committee felt that member representation of the voting districts should be continued.

Following some discussion, it was decided that the CAC should have eleven total members with at least two members from each voting district. Two of the eleven would be youth representatives as before. Mr. Chesson was tasked with drafting a revised Article II, Section 1 of the bylaws and to send the draft to the members for review prior to the next meeting.

Public Works Budget Presentation

Mr. Fowler presented the Department of Public Works proposed FY 2010 budget. This was largely the same presentation that he made to City Council on April 7th. Mr. Fowler briefly outlined the stewardship, first response and service responsibilities of the Department and listed some of the accomplishments during FY 2009. He showed where the Department was cutting costs and the effects that this would have to residents in areas such as impacts to repaving projects and sidewalk repairs, and to employees as a result of not filling vacant positions and possible reductions in force. New recommended user fees were also addressed.

Public Works Strategic Plan Presentation

Due to lack of time, this topic was not discussed. Because a departmental review of the strategic plan will commence in May, Mr. Fowler asked that this topic be rescheduled for June.

Calendar

The following calendar items were noted on the agenda

- May 17 – 23 – National Public Works Week
- June 27 – Next Household Hazardous Waste and e-Cycling collection at Gildersleeve Middle School

Members were reminded to send Mr. Chesson any calendar items that they wanted included in the next agenda.

Adjournment

Mr. Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.