

CAC MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2010

CAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Ives, Jeff Willis, Mel Rettig, David Spector, Rick Sackbauer, Phil Lidov, Becky Long, Barry Hudson

GUESTS: Tim Flynn, Bruce Hutchins, one member of the public

DENVER WATER STAFF: Marie Bassett, Joe Sloan, Ellen Cinchock, Neil Sperandeo, Dave Little

OPENING REMARKS, PUBLIC COMMENTS, AGENDA AND MINUTES

The October minutes and agenda were approved without comment.

A Denver citizen asked to speak to the committee regarding a pipe relining project that was done earlier in the year in the Washington Park area. The citizen learned from other neighbors that there were steel water line and water heater failures and was worried that corrosive chemicals were being used and could affect the water supply. CAC member Barry Hudson explained to the citizen that no corrosive chemicals are used during relining projects, but hammering from pressure surges could cause damage to steel water heaters and pipes. CAC Liaison Joseph Sloan requested contact information from the citizen and would send the information to the proper personnel at Denver Water.

DENVER WATER UPDATE (Marie Bassett) -

On November 17, 2010, the Denver Water Board approved the rate increase for 2011. Two members of the public attended the meeting. One citizen attended a previous meeting and asked the Board to allow water budgets for its customers. The Commissioners did not comment on the request.

The water rates study may be delayed until the end of the year or even further.

The System Development Charge presentation is scheduled to be approved by the Board at the December 8 meeting. CAC Home Builders Association Representative Jeff Willis advised Marie that the announcement caught the HBA off guard and said they are normally invited to the meeting to discuss possible SDC increases.

CAC BUSINESS –

Customer Emails -

Jeff Willis asked Marie for an update on customer who emailed the CAC regarding the calculation of a credit for System Development Charges on a property they would like to redevelop. The customer was questioning the process and has requested a formal policy that explains the process. Marie advised the CAC members that the process is not clearly defined as each case is different when calculating a credit. Jeff also noted that the customer was approached by an engineer who said they could negotiate a better credit. Marie stressed that Denver Water does not recommend engineers to customers, but if a person who lives outside of the area is developing land in Denver Water territory it would be in their best interest to hire an engineer from Colorado as they have more experience in correctly calculating water usage. The Water Sales department is looking to clarify the Operating Rules on how taps are sold and

giving credits to customers. Marie said the customer must have the tap installed within five years. David Spector said this is an opportunity to review new developments in Denver Water's territories and anticipate issues like this that may occur. Becky Long said this can also be an opportunity for outreach and feedback from customers.

CAC Chair and Vice-Chair Selection –

Upon motion by Mel Rettig, seconded by Barry Hudson and unanimously passed, David Spector was chosen as Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for 2011. A vote for Vice-Chair was done, and Phil Lidov was chosen.

2011 Work Plan –

Phil Lidov requested going through the 2010 Work Plan early so the committee could review the Ten Year Plan, IRP, and 2012 Budget before it is approved by the Board. Barry Hudson asked if a bill insert promoting the CAC could be added to a customer bill cycle. Joe Sloan will check with Community Relations. The committee also discussed using advertising to promote public attendance at their meetings. Becky Long will compile a draft of the 2011 Work Plan and the committee will meet privately in December to discuss it. The December 16, CAC meeting has been cancelled.

RECREATION POLICY AT DENVER WATER FACILITIES (Neil Sperandeo) –

Neil Sperandeo, Recreation Manager for Denver Water, gave an overview of his department. The section consists of five employees who oversee seven jurisdictions and thirty miles of streams and trails. Denver Water's land has the same issues that the state parks have, and with only a few employees it is not possible to allow all types of recreation at all of the reservoirs. A citizen sent a letter to the CAC and Denver Water asking if windsurfing could temporarily be allowed at the Antero Reservoir. Mr. Sperandeo explained that the decision not to allow windsurfing dates back to 1955. The Antero Reservoir does not have a recreation manager. Antero is one of the best fisheries in Colorado, and has a large amount of fishing activity. The water there is very shallow, and plant life is abundant there. Phil Lidov asked if the windsurfing ban is more of a turf issue between the fishermen and the surfers. Mr. Sperandeo, said it is not, but because the reservoir lacks a recreation manager, there is a liability issue. Mr. Willis asked why waterskiing is not allowed at the Dillon reservoir. Mr. Sperandeo explained that water skiing is banned to preserve the mountain lake character. The CAC members agreed that the limited resources to manage windsurfing on the Antero reservoir and the safety issue with the number of fishermen there would not allow a temporary lift on the windsurfing ban. The CAC thanked Mr. Sperandeo for his time.

WEST SLOPE MEDIATION (David Little) –

Denver Water has finished negotiating and exchanging values with members of the Western Slope. The State Engineer Office is now reviewing the proposed plan. . The State Engineer needs to agree with this plan to allow negotiations to go through. It will then go to all parties for their approval. Denver Water, and Grand, Summit, Mesa, Garfield, and Eagle counties are the parties involved. Unanimous consent is required for the deal to go through. The CAC thanked Mr. Little for the update.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.