

Infrastructure Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Summary

November 29 2010

3:00- 5:30

City of Bend, Boyd Acres Campus,
Eisenhower Training Room

Facilitator: Tom Hickmann

Note taker: Adele McAfee

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Andy High, Casey Roats, James Gattey, Nancy Loveland, Michael Magee, Ray Auerbach, Frank Turek,

Staff: Courtney Snead, Paul Rheault, Tom Hickmann, Adele McAfee, Patrick Griffiths, Heidi Lansdowne

Consultant Staff: Brian Black - HDR

Meeting Summary

Agenda item: All Groundwater Option

Presenter: Tom Hickmann

Discussion:

In response to questions from the committee regarding the location of additional wells at Outback, Tom Hickmann stated that the site is reserved for future wells. If this is considered as a viable option than future well development will need to go somewhere else. Considerations are: hydraulics, and two year time of travel respective of the underground injection controls (UIC). The master plan includes nine wells.

The committee asked for additional information about the media coverage regarding the surface water project questioning media statements about HDR and the suggested reassessment and/or review of the HDR findings. Committee member Jim Gattey raised the dilemma of whether or not there would be a consultant in the field that has not been involved in the project.

A question was raised regarding the penalties that would be levied if the city did not meet the EPA deadline. Tom Hickmann stated the EPA could assess fines between \$50.00 and \$2,500 a day. He stated an extension to comply would be unlikely.

Regarding the comments about pipe size and the city requiring additional water rights, Tom Hickmann said that one does not have anything to do with the other. The city cannot exceed its permitted use.

In response to questions about roles it was stated the role of the committee in regards to the surface water has been filled. However, committee members can voice their opinions as individual citizens. Staff strives to be objective with the committee.

Frank Turek stated that in his experience he knows of no one that has given up a potable water source.

The surface water infrastructure has lasted one hundred years. It is an industry standard to build for fifty to one hundred years.

Casey Roats suggested a roundtable discussion with good factual information. The committee would like to hear the information in support of the all ground water option.

The committee discussed a desire to convey information to the council because the committee would like to weigh-in on the discussion of the all ground water option.

Agenda item:

Public Works – An Overview

Presenter:

Paul Rheault

Discussion:

Paul Rheault, City of Bend Public Works Director discussed some of the history, structure and challenges the Public Works Department is facing such as aging infrastructure and budgetary constraints.

Mr. Rheault stated that the Public Works Department is consolidating divisions that are similar in nature, such as Stormwater, Water, Wastewater. This process will involve changing job descriptions and consolidating services and equipment. These efforts will support a greater use of resources.

The Engineering Division was financially structured to rely solely on fees. Due to a significant drop in that funding source the Engineering Division was dismantled and the engineers were realigned under different divisions. The city found that it could not function efficiently without an engineering group and it was reorganized and the division will now be funded by cost allocations.

Public works oversees some of the City's major projects:

- 26 million upgrade to the water reclamation facility
- 30 million SE Interceptor Project
- 25 million Murphy Road in partnership with ODOT

The Street Division maintenance budget would need 2.7 million a year to keep the deferred maintenance costs at 15 million. Streets are funded by the general fund as well as some state revenues. There are many things this division is doing to stretch their maintenance budget. For example, they can get ten miles of chip sealing versus one mile of overlay. The Street Division now does ADA curb ramps. When asked about a TUF, Mr. Rheault explained that it was recommended by committee and would have reduced some of budget reductions the Division has now realized.

Mr. Rheault explained that the City's Five year CIP budget is approximately 180 million. Staff, along with our consultants, are working on a plan to prioritize projects and will include the Infrastructure Committee at an appropriate time.

At the next meeting Paul Rheault will do a sewer presentation.

Other Information

Next Meetings

December 13, 2011 Bend Municipal Courthouse