

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

1. Called to order at 3:00 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kitt, Art Tenbrink.
Also in attendance: Mayor Benage, Deb Appel (Director of Utility Service) Tristin Terhune and Barry Smith
3. Approval of agenda. Terry motion, Dan second, approved
4. Approval of January 10 & February 14 meeting minutes: Terry motion, Dan second, approved
5. New business
 - a. (Bel Aire's Spring Festival is March 23 from 1PM to 3PM this year. We (the UAC) will share a booth with the city's Utility Dept. This will provide an opportunity discuss, display, possibly explain and provide information to home owners about multiple concerns. Such as backflow prevention, led/copper pipe initiative, and water conservation. Terry, Dan and Antonio will represent the UAC.

Backflow prevention

- Antonio has a backflow device and will have at the booth as a show-and-tell and a picture of the device. Tristin also has a visual display board/poster. UAC will help answer questions.

Lead/Copper Pipe Initiative

- Terry brought sample of pipes to the meeting--iron/steel, copper, and PEX/plastic for the spring festival
- Deb and Tristin presented a flyer to hand out. Members agreed the flyer is good to go. Maybe have some example of different solder

Water Conservation

- Can discuss water conservation with residents. This includes sprinkler system shut-off for rain (moisture sensors and internet-controlled using weather forecast) and home plumbing leaks such as toilet valves and faucets.
- Terry can/might bring some toilet bowl parts for show-and-tell (flapper valve and stem, maybe the filler apparatus)
 - b. 2023 UAC annual report: Mayor provided Art with necessary water information (water and wastewater) volume usage for 2023. Report is fully compiled
 - c. CCUA updates: enhanced upgrade is approved – will increase capacity from 2.5 to 3 mil a day
 - d. Keechi tree limb and brush waste disposal: progress made – agreement is in work: Kechi residents may be able to utilize Bel Aire rec center in exchange for no cost usage of their cite
 - e. Month of April: Did You Know (DYK) discussed, corrected and ready

6. Roundtable discussion
 - a. Mayor briefly spoke of some issues causing Woodlawn road work not to be completed
 - b. Art shared Sedgwick county recycling data
 - c. Next Tuesday 17:30 meeting to discuss regional transit sys. Held at the Bel Aire rec center
 - d. Effect of lead exposure, KDOT Woodlawn street failure
7. Next meeting: UAC meeting April 17, 2024, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
8. Old, continuing, future business.
 - a. 2024 UAC field trip discussed. Maybe Wichita's new NWTP.
 - b. KOMA training to take place in the near future, Tristin mentioned there in an online option. Will email the link
9. Adjournment of meeting: Antonio motion, Dan second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 pm.