

City of Bel Aire Utility Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

1. Called to order at 3:05 pm
2. In attendance: Dan Broyles, Terry Ercolani, Antonio Kitt, Art Tenbrink.
Also: Marty McGee, Jon Stehman of the Public Works department
3. Approval of agenda. Dan motion, Terry second, approved.
4. Approval of Nov. 8, 2023 meeting minutes: Dan motion, Terry second, approved.
5. New business
 - a. Met Public Works Director Marty McGee and Jon Stehman.
 - Discussed various items related to public works responsibilities and tasks
 - Storm water sampling is done four times per year per state guidelines. Sampling is done during a rain event. Sites for sampling often include locations where runoff would be a concern (such as near a crop field where fertilizer is used).
 - b. Lead and Copper Project Initiative
 - Jon reported that overall, there has been good response for this initiative--people have called and asked questions, reports have been given, and visits have been made to some residence that have requested help.
 - c. Promotion of 2024 inspection backflow preventers
 - Short discussion regarding issues related to rental properties and how this issue is enforced regarding rental owners and renters.
 - A database continues to be populated that notes which residences have sprinkler systems (along with compliance for the backflow preventer).
 - d. CCUA updates
 - KDHE may fine CCUA if certain wastewater contaminants are not reduced. Bel Aire has installed oxidizers to better reduce contaminants at various wastewater lift stations and has installed devices to measure contaminants at additional Bel Aire wastewater collection sites. This additional information will be useful to identify how much of the contaminant issue with CCUA is due to sources in Bel Aire.

- If wastewater contaminants are not reduced and KDHE fine to CCUA occurs, not sure what happens next (would CCUA pass fine onto cities using the facility (Bel Aire, Park City)? Yes. How would the fine be distributed to the municipalities? Uncertain at this time.
- Discussed Integra and water usage changes. Peak water usage per day in Bel Aire (during summer) is around 3M gallons. Integra will use 1-2M per day, every day. Integra may recycle their water (clean water and send back through), but unsure at this time what their typical demand (both inflow and outflow) will be.

e. Kechi tree and limb and brush disposal

- Loss of the Bel Aire brush site has had some negative effects regarding support of public works at Bel Aire residences, as some residents simply move limbs to their back yards. Limbs then need to be moved by public works employees to perform some jobs. The Bel Aire site was shut down after property was sold. Manhours to support the brush site was not a determiner with regards to shutting the site down.
- Evergreen, west of CCUA, is a wood recycling plant that sells mulch, too. They will accept brush from Bel Aire residents at a cost, most likely less than taking brush to the Sedgwick County CDL site. January and February

"Did You Know?"

- Art authored DYKs for January and February.
- January DYK: Terry motion to approve, Dan second. Approved.
- February DYK: Dan motion to approve, Terry second. Approved.

6. Roundtable discussion

- Ty Lasher is retiring April 2024. Ted Henry will be new City Manager.
- Art noted that carbon dioxide emissions today are same as in 1970, but GDP is four times what it is today compared to 1970. It is a good sign that modern technology has allowed lower amount of overall carbon dioxide into the atmosphere on the basis of manufacturing output.

- c. Art listed to the recent Bel Aire Council Meeting through the Cox cable channel. Acoustics was not good (could not clearly hear all participants). Jon noted that the YouTube feed is better.
 - d. Dan noted that he did not get an attachment/survey for the Lead and Copper Project initiative with his electronic water bill. Art did get the attachment. This will be mentioned to the team working on this initiative.
- 7. Next meeting: UAC meeting January 10, 2023, 3-5 pm at City Hall Senior Center.
- 8. Old, continuing, future business.
 - a. Discussed 2024 field trip. Any suggestions? Terry suggested CCUA.
 - b. Another Bel Aire city event will occur in 2024, and a booth is being discussed to provide information regarding the Lead and Copper Project initiative. Discussed the possibility of UAC helping to staff this booth, if needed.
- 9. Adjournment of meeting: Terry motion, Dan second. All approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 pm.