



# Pikes Peak Reservoir Replacement Project

## Community Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Date: December 12, 2019

Time: 4 – 5 PM

Location: Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120

### Attendees

CAG: Suzanne Kagen (Lake Washington Saddle Club--LWSC, Washington State Parks--WSP), Kelly Gode (Bridle Trails Park Foundation--BTPF, Pikes Peak resident), Loretta Lopez (Bridle Trails Community Club), Alice and Donald Prince (Pikes Peak residents), Matt Birklid (WSP)

### Project team

Jay Hummel (Project Manager), Linda De Boldt (Assistant Director), Nathan Rostad (Consultant—Murraysmith), Tom Lindberg (Consultant—Murraysmith), Diana Brown (Consultant--Envirolissues)

### Absent

Jennifer Duncan (LWSC), Jim Erckmann (BTPF), Heather Andreini (Pikes Peak resident), Kelly Losse (Pikes Peak resident), Steve Brand (WSP), Daryl Kline (WSP), John Ernster (WSP), Terre Olson (Cherry Crest resident)

### Summary

Jay Hummel welcomed everyone to the ninth Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Jay then reviewed the meeting agenda and provided an overview of last summer's site visit back in June 2019 and the topics discussed.

### Project Status

Jay reviewed what has changed since 60% design. Since 60% design, the addition of stairs has been refined and shown via the photo rendering, which also included a depiction of a safety handrail and 10 ft fence with barbed wire. Jay reminded attendees that utility crew safety was the driver and that the stairs eliminate two safety requirement issues: fall protection and confined space entry. During the discussion attendees stated they'd prefer the barbed wire be designed to angle into the reservoir site, rather than stick straight up, to reduce the risk to horses and riders.

Jay shared a draft plan view of the temporary construction easements (TCEs) that will be required for construction and noted that the project team is working with the City of Bellevue Property Services group and two neighboring property owners to finalize the TCEs. He also shared an updated landscape restoration plan and highlighted that approximately 35 trees will be removed and approximately 115 will be planted in their place. There was concern expressed about the current number of trees tagged in the area and the project team clarified that those were the trees surveyed, not the trees identified for removal. In addition, the project team noted that the larger Douglas Fir trees located to the northwest and southwest of the reservoir would be protected by a fence and are not slated for removal. The

proposed landscaping will be maintained by the contractor for the first year and then after that by Utilities' designated agent until the plants are established. Attendees asked if the community could plant climbing plants (e.g. ivy or another suitable plant) to grow on the reservoir fencing. Jay said he would discuss this with the Utilities Maintenance and Operations group.

The group reviewed planned improvements to the NE 39th St right of way, including a stormwater detention vault (which is a permit requirement) to reduce runoff, water main pipe and vaults, catch basins, and some off-street pavement. The project team confirmed that horse access from the greenbelt, across 39th, to the park will be maintained during this work. Following this, Jay introduced the water main replacement project planned for NE 37<sup>th</sup> St, 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE and NE 39<sup>th</sup> St and that the Pikes Peak project team is coordinating with the water main replacement team to identify the best time to do this work (most likely to be constructed in late 2020 or 2021).

Jay reviewed the construction concerns expressed by the CAG the team has heard to date and the group confirmed those and added the need for early and timely updates about the schedule and trail impacts to share with park visitors. Kelly Gode suggested that a map be created that could then be used/updated to communicate schedule and trail impacts, and that this map be uniform for all communications made e.g. via website, posting at park entrances, at the project site, etc.

Jay discussed the project team's coordination with permitting and other associated agencies (City of Bellevue, King County, Washington State Parks, and Seattle City Light) and property owners going forward. He also reviewed the status of the Cherry Crest Pump Station Replacement project currently under construction and how the reservoir project construction start will be dictated upon the pump station project being completed and in operation. Currently, the pump station project is anticipated to be complete and operable by fall 2020.

### **Next steps**

Jay thanked everyone for sharing concerns, and then discussed next steps. He walked through the schedule and stated that once the contractor is onboard and has a construction schedule, the CAG will reconvene for a preconstruction update. Jay shared that CAG members are welcome to contact him any time with questions and feedback between now and the next CAG meeting.

### **Open Discussion/Topics of Interest**

Key topics of interest or concerns shared by the CAG and discussed throughout the meeting include:

- Trail access being impacted by construction activity.
- Barbed wire on security fencing.
- General security measures taken at reservoir (e.g. security cameras, intrusion alarms).
- Request for construction schedule and for timely updates to share with community.
- Construction traffic causing safety issues for residents and park visitors.
- Contractors being accountable to minimize impacts on the site and on the haul route during construction.