Meeting Agenda

Meeting Facilitator: Margaret Norton-Arnold

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Meeting Overview
--Margaret

9:10 a.m. Proposed Project List and Financial Analysis
--Staff presentation and Full Committee Discussion

10:10 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. Two-Tiered Rate Structure
--Staff presentation and Full Committee Discussion

11:00 a.m. Round Robin Opinions
We will engage in a round robin on the following three questions:

1) How does what you have heard today impact your opinion regarding the levy rate?
2) How does what you have heard today impact your opinion regarding the capital projects list?
3) Should the rate be uniform throughout the County, or tiered?

11:40 a.m. Next Meeting and Next Steps
What information/discussions would be helpful over the next month; prior to the committee’s final recommendation votes on July 20?

Noon Committee Adjourns -- Brown Bag Lunch on the Effects of Global Climate Change on Flooding.
Our meeting on June 8 was a valuable and lively discussion about the types of capital improvement projects that have been identified for flood protection throughout King County. At that meeting, members engaged in a preliminary “round robin” vote that indicated their overall levels of support for a levy rate of ten cents per $1,000 of assessed value, plus their overall levels of support for the capital improvement projects that have been identified for this initial round of investment. It is important to remember that this capital improvement projects list will be reviewed and refined by the advisory committee on an annual basis.

At the June 8 committee meeting, members wanted more information on how decisions had been made regarding the proposed capital project list – especially the distinctions between “regional” and “subregional” projects. King County staff will provide more information about the level of study and analysis that went into the proposed list.

Another area of discussion on June 8 was the proposed levy rate. While many advisory committee members were supportive of a ten cent rate on assessed value, there was also a strong desire from some members to see more analysis regarding other rate levels. Members wondered, for example, how much could be funded at a five or eight cent tax rate, and also wanted more information on how the ten cent level came to be suggested. Another question was related to the funding of subregional projects – should a subregional “pot” of money be established?

Another important area of discussion has been the possibility of a two-tiered rate structure, with cities that are away from major river systems paying a lower rate than those cities that are adjacent to major rivers. King County staff have prepared an white paper on this issue, which has been sent to you via email. Please review and come prepared to discuss the pros and cons of this possibility on June 22.

After a thorough discussion, we will engage in a round robin preliminary vote on a possible two-tiered rate structure. You will also have the opportunity to let the group know if you have changed your mind in any way on both the proposed funding level and the capital project list identified for the first round of investment and building.

Some members had questions at our first meeting about global climate change and the effects it is having on flooding in the County. Dr. Richard Palmer will be on hand to offer a brown bag lunch presentation and discussion on this issue. Please stay if you can for this informative lunch!