CUAB MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 1, 2011
Field Trip throughout City and Lunch meeting at McGraths

Members Present
Charles Bird, Chair
Beth Kelland, Vice Chair
Bob Hatz
Mike Scolar

Staff Present
Gary Parkin, Engineering Director
Field Trip: Mike Clark, PW Operations supervisor
Ronelle Sears, PW Operations supervisor
(and PW Ops staff)

Absent
None

Field Trip:
10:00 am - Met at the Johnson Creek Blvd. facility, drove together to Home and Monroe to witness a demonstration of the Vactor truck by Kenny Hill and Jason Gosling with the PW Storm drainage crew. They cleaned out a catch basin and a pipe to a drywell. Ronelle gave a brief lecture on the storm drainage system emphasizing the work load need to maintain it.

Next the group walked a short distance to the corner of Monroe and Home where a wastewater lift station is located. Nick Manriquez and Alex Roller opened up the lift station and discussed the maintenance schedule (Monday/Wednesday/Friday for routine maintenance). Also discussed was that a single backup generator is rotated between the lift stations during power outages. Alex Roller put on safety gear and escorted Mike Scolar of the CUAB (also with safety gear), down the pump can to check out the control room (about 20' below the street).

The next stop was at Well # 6. Don Simenson and Mike Cunningham with the PW Water crew discussed the site which includes the City's largest reservoir (3 million gallons), and pumps (pumping 200,000 gallons per day in the summer) in addition to Well # 6. Mike Cunningham provided a brief tour through the pump station focusing on the telemetry system.

The group then traveled to Vivaldi Circle where Shawn Flye and Norman Marlborough demonstrated "Dorothy" the trailer mounted mini-vactor and valve turning machine. Shawn and Norman cleaned out a blow-off at the end of the cul-de-sac in preparation for the water pipe flushing that was to come.

The field trip ended at about 12:45 p.m. and the business meeting began at 1:00 p.m. at McGrath's restaurant.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the May 4, 2011 meeting were approved with an added note about the elections (those minutes were reproduced and will be up for adoption at the next meeting).

II. DISCUSSION

A. Field trip notes, matters from the Board

The discussion began with looking at reduced cost methods that were demonstrated (like "Dorothy"). The group wants to advocate for efficiencies such as the jackhammer attachment for Dorothy that is needed. The high cost of maintenance as illustrated by the cost to repaint reservoir #6 was discussed.

Flushing to clear the brown water from certain mains was something that needs better education with maintenance efforts generally needing more emphasis.

For future discussion: Fluoride use in drinking water (Beth and Charles support its use, Mike wants to see the research), and rainwater reuse.

III. FUTURE MEETING DATE/AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2011 (or possibly August 5, to suit Charles schedule)

Future meeting with County Commissioner Paul Savas continues to be up in the air.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Beth Kelland, Vice Chair

Gary Parkin, Scribe