

Utility Undergrounding Project Advisory Committee

MINUTES – January 10, 2019

1. **Call to order**, 7:33 am, by chair – Dan Quirk
 2. **Roll Call** – All committee members, Mohsen Maali, Scott Huth, and Kristen Crane. Also two new Council liaisons – Dwight Worden and Terry Gaasterland. Two from the consultant’s office – Eric.
 3. **Approval of Minutes for November meeting** – Motion by Dan, Second by Barry.
 4. **Council comments** - Terry was a neighborhood block captain, so she brings some experience to the table. She also has the complete plans for the North Hills project that did not proceed.
 5. **Staff comments** – Council approved the consulting contract at an October council meeting. The consultant has 1) walked the job, 2) reviewed the existing projects, and 3) put together a timeline and cost estimate. The city attorney is STILL reviewing the legal questions that were presented to them in November.
 6. **Mukesh Shah was voted in as Vice Chairman**
 7. **Status report from sub-committees** –
 - Scheduling subcommittee** – Mukesh reported that the \$51 million price tag needs a tight review. He also said that his committee would have construction priorities for the 6 areas in 30 days. Unlike our city attorneys time estimates, we should get this data in 30 days. The 5 pilot projects are ready to go. 20-A funds were discussed and will be more closely valued as a cost reduction for the project. The Fairgrounds was pulled out and will be reviewed with the hope that the Ag District will participate. The Lagoon poles were not figured into the costs for they are being pulled out with SDG&E funds.
 - Residential Communications and Education subcommittee** - Dave reported, for the first time in his life that ‘he has nothing to say’. The committee was clearly stunned.
 - Budget/Financing sub** - Chairman Entous suggested that an in-depth analysis of the proposed budget is needed. He suggested his committee meet shortly after this meeting and spend time to diagnose the costs properly (scheduled for Tuesday, 1/15)
 8. **Oral Communications** – none
 9. **Consultant report.** Eric presented their report. He has high confidence in the data and the corresponding costs. Eric is very concerned that delays, which are common in projects like this, could make the pricing go even higher. Laterals are not in the \$51 million budget.
 10. **Adjourn**
- Next meeting is 7:30 am on Feb. 14th**

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