

Advisory Committee Meeting #9

Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility

March 20, 2019 | 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Bloedel Donovan Park Beach Pavilion: 2214 Electric Ave., Bellingham, WA

Administrative Decisions

- March 20 Agenda – Approved
- February 20 Meeting Notes – Approved

Study Related Decisions

All decisions represent committee recommendations to the County Council.

- Implement Capital Facilities Charges. Approved by All
- Phase-in Fee Implementation (50% Year 1; 100% Year 2). Approved by All
- Phase-in Reserve Funding Over Ten Years (~10% per year). Approved by All
- Exempt Senior/Disabled Low-Income Parcels from Fee. Approved (4 Yes, 1 non-vote)
 - Consistent with BBWARM stormwater fee exemption for property owners qualifying for Assessor’s senior/disabled tax exemption program.
 - Citron did not vote.
- Exempt Public and Private Roads from Fee. Approved by All
- Exempt Protected Parcels from Fee (definition TBD). Approved (3 Yes, 2 No)
 - To possibly include Whatcom Land Trust, covenant restricted parcels, deed restricted parcels, etc. Essentially parcels currently being preserved as close to native forest as humanly possible or are being actively restored to a native forest condition to improve water quality.
 - Alyanak, Washington opposed.
- Fee Adjustments Approved (4 Yes, 1 No)
 - Incorporate Annual Fee Escalator (e.g., CPI / COLA); and Review Overall Level of Fees at Least Every Five Years.
 - Alyanak opposed.

- Implement Impervious Fee Component Structure as described below. Approved (4 Yes, 1 No)

- Alyanak initially gave a conditional vote of approval for the proposed impervious surface fee structure which was contingent on her approval of an overall final rate structure package. Since she subsequently did not approve the overall rate structure that was approved by the committee, her vote is recorded as a “no” above.

Single Family

Small footprint	0.75 ESU per parcel	(<2,501 impervious square feet)
Medium footprint	1.00 ESU per parcel	(2,501 – 8,400 impervious square feet)
Large footprint	2.00 ESU per parcel	(>8,401 impervious square feet)

Initial placement of parcels: <= 2 acres: Medium footprint; >2 acres: Large footprint

Non-Single Family

All parcels	1.0 ESU per 4,200 impervious square feet
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- Do Not Implement Parcel Fee Component (Option 3). Approved (4 Yes, 1 No)

- Assess fees on impervious surface only.
- Before a motion to approve an option was made, Committee members were polled to rank their first choice, and their second choice if they had one. This informed the motion to recommend Option 3, which was ultimately approved.
- Alyanak opposed.

Initial Polling Results (Before Motion to Approve was Made)

Committee Member	Option 1 (Flat per Parcel)	Option 2 (Per Gross Acre)	Option 3 (No Parcel Fee Component)
Laurence Brown	<i>Second</i>		First
Todd Citron	<i>Second</i>		First
Nancy Alyanak		First (and only)	
Harry (Skip) Johnsen	First		<i>Second</i>
Nathaniel Washington			First (and only)

Agenda Topics Covered

- Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approve Agenda
- Approve meeting notes from February 20
- Staff Report/Response to Comments Received
- Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Service Area Fee Proposal: Combined Gross Acres & Impervious Surface
- Final Rate Design Discussion & Advisory Committee Recommendation
- Break
- IP#5 - Implementation Policies
- Public Comment Period
- Meeting Summary: Decisions Made; Action Items; Agenda for Next Meeting
- Next Steps
- Adjourn