

TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL (TAC)

MINUTES

September 19, 2007

Present were Gail McQuiston, Eba Hobbs, Martha Segal, Mary Ellen Jackson, Marilyn Tidwell, Rick Jones, Jim Paulus, Gary Ragland, Rick Blackburn, Jack Steakley, Richard Smith, Dan Barge, Jim McLean, Ralph Gregory, Hal Balthrop, Ronnie Russell, Lance Hornbuckle, Alan Hand, and Ilke Hanloser.

Review of Minutes

Changes suggested were noted and minutes approved with corrections.

Carson Meter Box Update

The 2-piece box has been approved until the 1-piece box is available. The company is in the process of securing approval of drawings by MWS Engineering.

Valve Ops Update

This item was deferred until October meeting. Cyrus Toosi will provide update on October 17.

ABI update

This item was deferred until next meeting. Lance Hornbuckle will provide update on October 17.

Service Line Policy Update

Hal distributed three drawings detailing responsibilities for commercial and residential water and sewer lines with the following explanations:

Commercial – MWS has responsibility from meter to main including meter box and fittings if the meter has been upgraded to AMR. If the commercial meter is not AMR, owner is responsible for meter, service line functionality and repairs.

Residential - MWS is responsible from main to meter including meter box and fittings. Customer is responsible from meter box to the structure served including pressure reducers and backflow devices on customers side of meter.

Sewer – Home owners has responsibility from home to connection to public sewer main. If service is interrupted, the customer must take the action to correct the problem. If in these efforts and after providing an excavated opening, it is determined that the service line problem is in the easement or right of way portion of the service line, MWS will take the necessary action.

Group feedback included suggestions for clarification on the Department's responsibilities for "reasonable restoration". These drawings will be placed on the Metro Water Services website after suggested changes are made.

Hal Balthrop suggested the following language be placed on all sewer permits issued: "It is the responsibility of the plumber to confirm that any new sewer service connection is open and free flowing from the new connection to the main. If there are defects or problems discovered in the portion of existing sewer service line inside the easement or right-of-way (stub-out) the current MWS Service Line Policy will apply." When a sewer main is relined, MWS does not leave a connection for vacant property due to possible

infiltration. Several suggestions were made for interim solutions. This issue will be discussed at the next internal meeting and results of the discussion will be given at the next TAC meeting.

Backflow Preventor Specs

Jack Steakley reported inspections are failing due to nipples and caps that are still on the current specs. Hal will update the specifications to reflect the nipples and caps now required for testing in an efficient manner.

General Discussion

These items will be addressed at the next internal meeting and addressed at the next TAC meeting.

- ✓ DDCVA leakage (backflow preventor)
- ✓ Elevator sump pump
- ✓ GIS online availability
- ✓ Inspection findings to be faxed to plumbers
- ✓ Inspectors using meter key to pull up box

Community Meeting Plans & Feedback

A suggestion list for agenda items was distributed. The following items were suggested to be added to the agenda:

- ✓ Brief update on Stormwater and committee
- ✓ Several grease control scenarios were discussed-send to Mary Ellen to be addressed in the presentation at the Community Meeting.

The Community Meeting is Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of MWS Customer Service Center. Newsletters and invitations will be sent to the Permits and Engineering customer mailing list. Electronic versions will be sent to all TAC members for use with professional organizations.

All TAC members are invited to the Customer Service Week luncheon on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at MWS Customer Service Center.

Next meeting is October 17, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room of MWS Customer Service Center, 1700 3rd Avenue North.