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From: Hackmann, Richard
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 8:49 AM
To: IBRC
Subject: FW: IBRC Scope

From: Emslie, Steve
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 2:39 PM
To: Ray Bacchetti; Levy, Leland
Cc: Hackmann, Richard; Sartor, Mike; Perez, Lalo
Subject: RE: IBRC Scope

Ray and Le,

Here is my short email answer. We can discuss more in depth at our next meeting if necessary. The IBRC is a direct Council advisor providing recommendations to assist them in addressing our infrastructure needs. As you point out, there are other advisory bodies that also provide input to the Council on certain aspects of our infrastructure programs. In addition to the UAC and the Storm Drain Oversight Committee, the Planning and Transportation Commission provides its recommendations on the CIP prior to Council's action on the annual budget. Staff would strongly recommend that the IBRC engage with the other advisory bodies as it completes its recommendations to Council. Staff believes that coordination with these Boards/Commissions could be best structured through a subcommittee assigned to each including the appropriate Board/Commission liaison.

The liaisons role should be to facilitate communication between the IBRC and the board they represent. They should provide regular updates to their board and report back any feedback provided. The liaisons also usually take the lead in presenting material or policy questions that should happen to arise in the course of the IBRC's deliberations. So in addition to the liaisons' experience, he/she is also tasked with the a formal communications role.

Steve

From: Ray Bacchetti [mailto:raybac@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 3:53 PM
To: Emslie, Steve
Cc: Levy, Leland; Sartor, Mike; Hackmann, Richard; Bobel, Phil
Subject: Re: IBRC Scope

Dear Steve:

Thanks for the quick response. It raises a question about two other bodies, though. One is the Utilities Advisory Commission. If I understand how things work, the UAC has some oversight over the Utilities Departments Strategic Plan that, among other things, covers the replacement of infrastructure before the end of its useful life. Another is the Storm Drain Oversight Committee. Though it hasn't met since April, the Capital Budget notes (p. xvi) that Storm Drainage Fund will "likely experience capital funding shortfalls" in the coming years. The terms of the members of the SDOC run to 2013, so I assume this committee has not completed its work. Thus a question for you is what relation we bear to these two groups.

Ray

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On Jan 11, 2011, at 2:37 PM, Emslie, Steve wrote:

Le and Ray,

Yes. The IBRC scope can include the Enterprise Funded Projects. Gary is correct that the Council did not limit the IBRC from looking into all infrastructure needs including the Enterprise CIPs. I hope this clears up any confusion.

Steve

From: Levy, Leland [<mailto:leland.levy@wellsfargoadvisors.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Emslie, Steve
Cc: Ray Bacchetti
Subject: FW: IBRC Scope

Steve,

Please look at the attached memo from Gary Wetzel of the IBRC. Since there is some question among commissioners about the scope of our mandate, can the City Manager's office give us a simple "yes" or "no" to the question of what is that scope ?.

Le

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Subject: IBRC Scope

Le,

In the last meeting of the IBRC the question was asked if the Enterprise Funds Infrastructure was a part of the scope of the IBRC. City Staff responded that it was not.

The Enterprise Departments (Utilities, fiberoptics, etc.) infrastructure budgets, as shown in the May 3, 2010 Capital Budget Transmittal Letter for the 2011 CIP is shown as 58% of the CIP.

By contrast, the General Fund Budget is shown as 32% of the CIP and the Internal Service Funds is 10%.

It is inconceivable to me that the City Council would spend the time necessary to form an 18 member Commission to look at 32% of the CIP over a period of several months to 1-1/2 years.

In the City Manager's November 18, 2010 address to the IBRC the first item of discussion (Bullet #1), was entitled " There is no limit to the scope of the IBRC". Indeed, the City Manager also covered this question in his April 22, 2010 and May 17, 2010 Reports to the City Council.

In addition to being 58% of the CIP, the presently installed Enterprise Fund infrastructure is, in my estimation, over half of all installed City infrastructure Assets. Most of it is buried under streets, sidewalks and private property. Therefore, any repair or maintenance efforts on these buried assets directly effect the above ground General Fund Assets.

Furthermore, in the event of a major failure of water, sewer, gas, communications or electric systems due to a natural disaster or system failure, the risk of disease and major disruptions to the public welfare is highly likely.

In my opinion, for the IBRC to ignore this possible risk is not in keeping with the mission of the IBRC, or the best interest of the Public. Therefore, I request this item be discussed at large in the January 13, 2011 IBRC meeting and further clarification be sought from the City Council, if necessary.

Gary Wetzel
Commission Member

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