

E-Alert: Design Advisory Group Meeting #2

February 17, 2015

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station Design Advisory Group (advisory group) met at the South Seattle College Georgetown Campus on Thursday, February 12. Topics discussed included approving the advisory group charter, assisting in the development of design guidelines, and discussing City of Seattle processes that might affect the facility design.

The advisory group reviewed and approved the revised draft charter. The Design Advisory Group charter is available on the project website.

Penny Mabie, meeting facilitator, shared iconic Georgetown images provided by advisory group members to facilitate a discussion about the character of the community and design themes. Michael Popiwny, King County WTD Project Manager, then shared examples of King County facilities in which the community where the facility was located provided design input. Finally, Mark Johnson, Signal Architecture + Research Project Architect, presented specific design guideline examples from a variety of projects in the Northwest and how those guidelines were interpreted in project design for other projects.

The advisory group then had a large group discussion about potential design guidelines for the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station project. Discussion themes included:

- The historical nature of Georgetown (e.g., architecture, ecology)
- Whimsical, quirky and unique elements (e.g., hat and boots, industrial art)
- Industrial look-and-feel
- Celebrating the transition from “dirty to clean” or “grey to green”
- Outdoor recreation

King County WTD will take the proposed design guideline themes identified and will develop draft design concepts to be shared at the next meeting in March.

Michael Popiwny also shared information about City processes that could affect the facility design including the City of Seattle Street Improvement Permit Process and the City of Seattle Conditional Use Permit.

Copies of the meeting materials are available on the project website (www.kingcounty.gov/GeorgetownWWTS) and a detailed summary of the February 12, 2015 meeting will be posted on the website when it becomes available. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at South Seattle College Georgetown Campus. The meeting is open to the public.

For questions, comments, or to request a project briefing, please contact Kristine Cramer with King County WTD: 206-477-5415 or kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov.