

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 2:03 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

- Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
- Matthew Nestopoulos, designee for Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
- Stephen Varga, designee for District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
- Randy Speck, public representative appointed by Council
- Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council
- Maureen Schmelling, designee for DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

Guest Panelists

- John Deignan, DC Water
- Apera Nwora, DC Water
- Paul Schwartz, Lead Emergency Action for the District

II. Adoption of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting meetings from March 31st were adopted. Today's meeting agenda has one insertion.

- Outreach and Partnership Opportunities

III. Review of DC Water's Lead-Free DC Plan and Cost

Q: Can DC Water provide an update on the independent cost assessment from Safe Water Engineering, LLC?

A: No, Kenley Farmer will receive updates from Michael Porcello (Council staff) to report at future bi-weekly public meetings.

Q: Is Safe Water Engineering, LLC analyzing data from the 2021 Lead Free DC Plan cost estimates or the revised cost estimates?

A: DC Water shared both cost estimates with Safe Engineering, LLC.

Q: Were there subsequent meetings with Safe Water Engineering, LLC after the April 4th meeting?

A: No, there have not been any subsequent meetings.

IV. Outreach and Partnership Opportunities

The task force will continue to strengthen the networking and advertisement of the public bi-weekly lead service line task force meetings.

Suggestions:

Invite community advocacy groups, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC), and the Mayor's Office to the May 12th meeting to brainstorm on an agenda for the public engagement session.

Utilize one of the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force public meetings for an engagement session with community advocacy groups, landlords, and constituents on methods to improve customer participation with the removal of lead service lines.

Q: Does DC Water have lead service line data that can help determine the reasons for refusals?

A: DC Water is working to quantify the data, but some reasons for rejections have been that the landlord does not live in the District, disturbance to landscaping, or a tenuous relationship between the renter and landlord.

Q: Does DCRA have any codes other than if the water is shut off, a landlord cannot collect rent from renters?

A: DCRA will need to conduct a further review of codes under Title 14, but even if so, it's a long process to do a notice of infraction.

V. Reports from Subcommittees

Interagency Coordination – John Deignan

DC Water sent the following action items:

- One-pager on the processes and efficiency gains between DCRA and DC Water project coordination.
- Final memorandum of agreements with annotated drafts to each agency for final signatures.
- The memo for restoration under the moratorium

Friendly reminder, respective representatives will present at the Interagency Coordination Subcommittee meeting on Friday, April 29th at 2:00 pm on their agency's spending plan.

Funding – Kenley Farmer

DOEE submitted the Water Infrastructure Improvement for the Nation Act grant application. The notice of funds available was for \$10 million for this priority area of the country. DOEE will provide updates on the application once received.

Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Action Items

- Randy Speck/Kenley Farmer will:
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
- Kenley Farmer will:
 - Request for an update from Michael Porcello (Council staff) on the independent cost assessment from Safe Water Engineering, LLC
- Maureen Schmelling/DC Water will:
 - Coordinate a time for Paul to join DC Water's door to door outreach event.
 - Provide a one-pager on refusal data.
- Task Force members will:
 - Continue to identify District agencies that can aid in the development of the lead service line plan to the Council.
 - Share related documents (memorandum of agreement, studies, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.
 - Invite relevant groups/agencies to the May 12th meeting.
 - Prepare questions for the meeting with Keisha Powell and Matt Brown with DC Water.

Future Agenda Items

Meet with Safe Water Engineering, LLC to review their assessment.

Proposed Agenda for 5/12/22

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Independent Cost Assessment Update
4. Discuss Outreach and Partnership Opportunities
5. Review of DC Water's Lead Free DC Plan Costs

6. Reports from Subcommittees
7. Question and Answer Session
8. Action Items and Future Agenda Items