

Lead Service Line Planning Task Force
Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2021

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

Roll Call of Task Force Members

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

I. Governance: Proxies

The task force members agreed by vote to allow the appointment of proxies in the case a task force member cannot attend or be present the full duration of a meeting.

Appointed Proxies for the 12/2/2021 meeting:

- Paul Schwartz proxy for Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council
- John Deignan proxy for Maureen Schmelling, DC Water
- Christina Flores proxy for Stephen Varga, DDOT

II. Update on Interagency Coordination Effects

- Deputy Mayor Lucinda Babers for Operations and Infrastructure has hosted bi-weekly interagency sessions to focus on the replacement of lead pipes in the District since Wednesday, August 4, 2021.
- DDOT Technical Subcommittee meetings are focused on identifying processes that would lend themselves to efficiency for the public space restoration based on the current staffing.
- DOEE, DDOT, DCRA, and DC Water have been working to streamline permitting processes.
 - Developing processes to expedite the permitting and inspection of replacement of lead pipes while ensuring the protection of residents' health and safety by meeting code compliance.

III. Task Force Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments

The Lead Service Line Planning Task Force plan requirement can be found at [§ 34-2161. Lead Service Line Planning Task Force establishment. | D.C. Law Library \(dccouncil.us\)](#). The respective point of contacts will provide their first report out on January 20, 2022.

Subcommittees

Interagency Coordination

- Items: A, C, D
- Members: DDOT, DCRA, DOEE, DC Water, Public Representatives
- Point of Contact: John Deignan/DC Water

Identified Barriers and Proposed Solutions

- Items: B, G
- Members: DDOT, DCRA, DOEE, DC Water, Public Representatives
- Point of Contact: Randy Speck and Paul Schwartz/public representatives

Review of DC Water Plan

- Item: E
- Members: DDOT, DCRA, DOEE, DC Water, Public Representatives
- Subdivision: Inventory, cost, prioritization timeline, education/outreach
- Point of Contact: Randy Speck and Paul Schwartz/public representatives

Funding

- Item: F
- Members: DDOT, DCRA, DOEE, DC Water
- Point of Contact: Kenley Farmer/DOEE

IV. Discussion of Public Input Process

- The WebEx platform allows for the public to enter questions and comments in either the question and answer (Q&A) or chat box.
- Allow 5-10 minutes for public input at each meeting.

Action Items

- Randy Speck will:
 - Continue to identify lead service line replacement expert(s) that can join one of the task force meetings to talk about their experience.
 - Share the public notice and other relevant materials with ANCs.
- Stephan Varga will:
 - Determine if members from the Lead Emergency Action for the District coalition can attend the bi-weekly interagency meetings hosted by Deputy Mayor Babers.
 - Meet with DDOT Public Space Regulations Division to determine if the traffic control permit can be streamlined.
- Kenley Farmer and Stephan Varga will:
 - Ask Deputy Mayor Babers if she can appoint a representative from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Contracting and Procurement to attend the bi-weekly task force meetings.
- 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 (memo of agreement, meeting minutes, etc.) to help with the formulation of the plan via the Lead Service Line Planning Task Force Box.com account.

Proposed Agenda for 12/16/21

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes
3. Review of the Draft Guiding Principles
4. Update on the Identification of Lead Service Line Replacements Experts
5. Review of Infrastructure Bill
6. Summary of Revised Lead and Copper Rule
7. Review of Task Force Work Plan and Subcommittee Assignments
8. Public Input
9. Action Items and Future Agenda Items

