



Meeting Attendees:

WRP Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Philadelphia Water Department (PWD)	Other Misc. Attendees
Kayla Akpan (she/her)	Michelle Bailey (she/her)	Moses Foster, West Cary Group (he/him)
Raymond Lucci (he/him)	Laura Copeland (she/her)	Jenny Gain, Brown & Caldwell (she/her/they/them)
Su Ly (he/him)	Jesse Debes (he/him)	Jennie Mummert, West Cary Group (she/her)
Joanne Reilly (she/her)	Amy Hopf (she/her)	Melody Wright, Say/Do (she/her)
Dr. Joi Spraggins (she/her)	Satteria Kersey (she/her)	
Walter Threadgill (he/him)	Dan Schupsky (he/him)	
Cheryl Tse (she/her)		
Lindsay Williams (she/her)		
Corey Wills (they/them)		

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. and was held at the Fairmont Water Works.

The highlights of the presentation & meeting included:

- Introductions of the PWD and Consultant team members
- Review of Disclosure Statement

- SAG Member Introductions & Icebreaker Activity
 - In groups of 2 or 3, meeting attendees “interviewed” one another, then introduced their group partner(s) to share information with the full group, including preferred pronouns, a favorite activity, and the last “best” meal enjoyed in Philadelphia.

- Meeting Norms Discussion
 - Led by Dan, the group aligned on the following “norms” moving forward for all meetings:
 - Attend each meeting and get up to speed if unable to attend
 - Practice active listening and be respectful of all members, facilitators and other meeting attendees
 - Come prepared for all meetings
 - Honor the agenda and support meeting start and end times
 - Respect speaking times and do not interrupt others while sharing
 - Practice mindfulness of space & time during the meeting
 - Agree as a group on what information shared in the meetings should be considered public knowledge vs. private for the group only
 - Other discussion items included:
 - Consensus on contact information for members not to be shared on the public facing website.

- Clarification on expectations on “getting up to speed” including where members can find supporting materials from previous meetings (presentations, minutes, etc.) on the to be launched Stakeholder Advisory Group landing page.
- Review of the path to recruiting and selecting the members
- Review of the roles and responsibilities of each SAG member
 - In addition to previously developed responsibilities, it was also discussed that SAG members should be prepared to share in meetings, or in between meetings via email, of issues that they are hearing in their neighborhoods
- Quick overview of Community Listening Sessions
 - SAG members will receive early notice of schedule of Community Listening Sessions and are encouraged to attend those in their respective neighborhood/district.
- Overview of the Water Revitalization Plan including the process, goals, high-level benefits to residents and a quick touch base on key projects including the Schuylkill River Crossing (SRX) tunnel project.
- Closing remarks to include sharing of upcoming future SAG meetings
 - Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #2 – October 25th; Location TBD
 - Follow up to come via email regarding information sharing between meetings, communication preferences, future meeting agendas, etc.
 - PWD is hosting a tour of the Belmont Water Treatment Plant on Saturday, September 30th and invited SAG members to arrive at 9:30 am (ahead of the public) to get more information and background on PWD’s drinking water treatment operations.

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the SAG members and the answers provided by the PWD team:

1. *Walter Threadgill asked for clarification on where things would be located and how to “get up to speed” for any meetings missed.*

Dan & Jennie informed Walter of the upcoming SAG web page, where meeting materials will be posted in a timely manner for review as well as any “prep” work expected for upcoming meetings would be sent out in a timely manner via email to the group with specifics.

2. *Raymond Lucci asked how Philadelphia’s drinking water infrastructure compares to the rest of the United States*

Jesse replied at a high-level that Philly’s infrastructure system was in-line/similar to the aging concerns in many other East Coast cities like NYC, Boston, etc. Jenny provided additional context that the American Society of Civil Engineers’ (ASCE) 2021 “report card” for America’s infrastructure issued a “C-“ grade for the nation’s overall drinking water infrastructure (on a scale of A through F from exceptional, fit for the future to failing/critical, unfit for purpose)^[1].

^[1] [ASCE's 2021 Infrastructure Report Card](https://infrastructurereportcard.org/cat-item/drinking-water-infrastructure/), Water Infrastructure: <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/cat-item/drinking-water-infrastructure/>

3. *Raymond Lucci asked if PWD works with other City departments to align and coordinate when construction projects are being considered and if PWD has direct point people at other utilities.*

Jesse confirmed that PWD does work closely with Streets, Parks & Rec and other departments to coordinate efforts as much as possible and that PWD has relationships across other utility partners in the city, as well as specialized team members that work across and with other City departments (such as Amy as lead for “construction communication”).

4. *Corey Wills asked if the WRP is related to the Green City Clean Waters program?*

Dan confirmed that it is a separate initiative, which then sparked the decision and recommendation from Jesse to provide the SAG with a “Water 101” to better inform how PWD manages its three pronged responsibilities and oversight for stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water. (The Water Revitalization Plan focuses exclusively on drinking water infrastructure.)

5. *Corey Wills asked if PWD was working with the school systems, related to ongoing concerns surrounding lead in pipes.*

Jesse provided additional context that there were no longer concerns related to lead in mainline pipes. However, there are still concerns and efforts to replace service lines to schools and daycares where lead is a concern.

Other discussion points:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
- The next meeting of the 2023 Water Revitalization Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group will take place on October 25, 2023.