

# **SAWS Web Portal Focus Group**

# Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 2:00 P.M.

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## **Meeting Notes**

Tracey Lehmann, Engineering Manager, delivered a presentation on the forthcoming Development Engineering Web Portal with the intent of garnering input and support from local stakeholders. The focus group brings together members of the home building, development, contracting, and engineer communities, as well as SAWS staff.

The purpose of the web portal is to deliver functionality and efficiency in regard to the processes surrounding Counter Permits, Impact Fees, and Utility Service Agreements. The web portal will be facilitated by an Infor product known as the Dynamic Portal. The Dynamic Portal will deliver heretofore in house applications to the end user, enabling access to permits, impact fee payments, and other relevant information.

Following the presentation, there was an open discussion to assess the "needs" of the users, and to prioritize the "wants" of the user. The needs being functions that are absolutely

necessary, and the wants being functions that could be prioritized at a lower level, possibly to be brought on in the future. In the chart below, *needs* are labeled with the number **1**, and *wants* are labeled with a **W** coupled with a priority level from **1-3**.

#### **Core Features**

The list below would all be considered a **Priority 1**, as SAWS considers access to this information essential to the functionality of the platform.

- Address
- Location
- Names
- Milestone/Status/Timeline
- Interactive Checklist (Date Stamp)
- Notes
- Access to attachments/redlines

The lists below break features down into the three main categories: Impact Fees, USAs, and Counter Permits.

# **Impact Fee**

- (1) Ability to search for lots by address and by plat.
- (W-1) Platform is open to the public to view which lots have had impact fees paid.
- (W-1) Ability to pay with a credit card or ACH bank transfer.
  - (1) Interface equipped with drop down or selectable boxes to simplify processing.
  - (1) Platform displays completion and final acceptance dates.
- (W-1) Platform displays status on TCEQ Customer Service Inspection.
- (W-1) Platform contains inspector check list items.

## **USA**

- (W-2) Platform keeps a running total of EDUs on a tract.
- (W-2) Platform shows templates containing historic data of EDU counts organized by type of business.

### **Counter Permits**

- (1) Information is visible by all individuals in an organization, potentially through a master account.
- (W-1) Full public access to platform.
  - (1) User maintenance the ability to edit login credentials by the user in case of personnel changes.
- (W-1) Queue/Backlog of new meters to be set.
- (W-1) Access to the identifying number of the meter to be set.
- (W-2) Access to meter sizes at address.
- (W-2) Access to service line size at address.

# **Web Portal Timeline**

- Demo testing late 2017
- Next meeting: 9/27/17 2:00 PM 4:00 PM
- Potential release 1st quarter of 2018