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Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Workgroup Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome Remarks & Update by DCAO Floyd Holt
- Phase 1 & Phase 2 Tantallon Drainage Project Update
- Norwood Lane SWM Upgrade Status Update
- Outreach/Communications for CIP Projects
- Q&A
- Next Steps

Attendees

- Floyd E. Holt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, *Working Group Chair*
- Dana Cooper, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Anthony Foster, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of the Environment
- Jeffrey DeHan, Associate Director, Department of the Environment
- Frank Galosi, Project Manager, Department of the Environment
- Charlie Griffith, Associate Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Kate Mazzara, Associate Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Melinda Bolling, Director, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
- Courtney Mariette, Office of Community Relations
- Jason Washington, Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development, PGCPD
- Damion Lampley, WSSC, Director of Utility Services
- Ronald Weiss, Board Member of the Tantallon Citizen's Association, *Inc., Working Group Co-Chair*
- Hazel Robinson, President, Tantallon Square Civic Association
- Carter Farrington, President, Tantallon Citizens Association
- Herbert Jones, President, North Tantallon Civic Association
- Duane Bouie, Chairman, TNACA Infrastructure & Technology Committee
- Tolores Holmes, Impacted Resident
- Zaneta Walthour, Impacted Resident
- Flavia Walton, Impacted Resident

Old Business

DCAO Update:

- December–January has been busy with the Special Election and early voting for the General Election
- We are also in the midst of Budget Season. The County Executive will have a listening session for the FY23 budget season. February 1st from 6-8pm, virtual. Residents are encouraged to listen, provide input, and sign up to provide remarks. You may also send in written comments following the listening session, by February the 4th.

New Business

Status Update: National Golf Course Drainage Project

- DOE is engaging in a project proposal to bring co-benefits to the Tantallon community – a combined stormwater management volume control effort, as well as water quality restoration effort, that will provide nutrient reductions throughout the community and the watershed.
- We are continuing negotiations with the consultant for this very large-scale project. Still focusing on the upper end of the golf course. This work will compliment the working being completed by DPW&T.
- The pond will include a bio swell to help divert water into the new ponds and receiving areas, away from some of the residential lots.
- Overall, we are currently in the concept phase right now. We remain engaged with the consultant to develop scope and solutions that are feasible.
 - Question: Is the focus on the upper portion of the golf course, rather than the other parts of the golf course, due to funding?
 - Answer: This is for efficiency purposes. This will allow us to move the package forward and have sooner results. We are cognizant of the concerns for the other areas and are looking at options to look at a wholistic scale. It is a scheduling, timing, and funding issue as well. We will continue to review and conduct feasibility studies.
 - Question: If the goal is to try to execute the agreement by June 2022, is there anything we can do to help move it along?
 - Answer: Yes, our target is to execute by FY22. The pieces are in place to support the project. It's not solely about cost but also about best solution.
 - Comment - DCAO: We are also looking at several other models: the Henson Creek watershed, Tinkers Creek watershed, and the Oxon Creek watershed. We have money available to examine all of these watersheds immediately. We just need to get the contracts and designs completed to move them forward. Henson Creek is eminent because we see that having the most impact. It will be finalized in the next 1-2 months.

DPW&T Phase 1 & Phase 2 Status Update

- Phase 1 – 36" storm drain from the National Golf Course irrigation pond to the 100 Block of Swan Creek (Fort Washington Road): Project has started and should be complete by the end of March 2022 (weather pending).
- Phase 2 – Upgrade of Flaim La. - Swan Creek Rd. drainage system: Project is in design; construction will take approximately 10 months to construct.
- Surrey Circle Outfall – Maintenance has started and will be completed by April 2022
- Norwood Maintenance – Work will start in April 2022 and is expected to last 3 months
 - Question: Where is the Surrey Circle Outfall?
 - Answer: Near hole number 7 of the golf course. We are increasing size and capacity there.
 - Question: Delighted to see the machinery in the community getting to work. Wondering what the various colored flags mean? Can we get an update on what's next?
 - Answer: We will have the construction inspector give you a call today. The flags have a variety of meanings such as utility markers, structure locators, etc.

DPW&T Outreach/Communications for CIP Projects

- DPW&T Identifies Design Need
- Evaluates Project – Cost-Benefit Analysis
- Concept Design
 - Once a concept is complete, public information session is hosted by DPW&T
- Semi-Final Design
 - Incorporates design from comments of stakeholders
 - Meetings held with individual homeowners as needed
- Final Design

- Milestone review meeting with agency reviewers
- Construction
 - Public notice provided prior to start of construction
- Comment – DCAO: This is the approach that county infrastructure takes, but this does not imply that the developers will have the same method. With regard to concerns about lack of notifying the community for previous projects, be advised that there may be projects that we do not control. The process explained above is what you can expect from the county.

DOE Notification and Communication Process

- This project is slightly different than typical in that it is a design-build contract that is being negotiated with an external consultant; but we still have the ability to be responsive to the community.
- During Planning Phase – DoE identifies and initiates communications with all the stakeholders in the community
- During Design Phase – DoE SMD – conducts Project Public meetings with community and directed affected property owners and secures any necessary agreements with property owners.
- During Construction Phase – DoE SMD – Coordinates a final Project Public meeting with community and schedules a Pre-Construction directed affected property owners.
 - Question: Is the contractor Green Vest, LLC?
 - Answer: The proposal is for Green Vest, LLC yes. We will know more as we finalize the current fiscal year.
 - Comment – DCAO: Green Vest, LLC has developed a particular expertise in this kind of stormwater work and restoration. It is a woman-owned company and is a local business. It is part of our goal to develop county-based businesses.
 - Question: Storm drains versus traditional manholes. Are those two different things?
 - Answer: Yes. There is the storm sewer for rain and stormwater runoff, and then the sanitary sewer which is WSSC. The sanitary system typically is closed so you will not see water entering those systems.
 - Question: Is the sewer drain cleaned out?
 - Answer: Yes, when there is consistent build up at a site, we use a high-power water hose to flush the lines and TV the lines. If there is a history of backups for a site, it is listed for routine maintenance.
 - Question: What is happening when water is coming out of the sewer?
 - Answer: SSO – an overflow due to the intensity of water entering at a given time.

PGCPS Construction Update

- Went through a process with WSSC to receive permits for connecting to the existing Emerald sewer line. The process is now complete.
- A communication will be going out next week. Work will begin the week of February 28 on the sewer line extension across Fort Washington at Emerald Hill Drive. Anticipating about three weeks for completion, contingent upon pending materials. We are tracking for the materials to arrive mid-February. We will send out a second notification at the end of the month with an update.
- This project is not for the street widening. It is solely sewer line work.

New Action Items

- Community Briefing:
 - Set Date/Time
 - For maximum participation, let's plan for Saturday morning. Sometime in February, between 10am – 12pm. 2-3 weeks of lead time; end of February.
 - Will plan for about 500 attendees (may be more like 200 participants)
 - GoTo Meeting as the potential platform if larger than 300 participants
 - Agenda

- The association should identify the items that may be of interests to the community and the County will finalize. Members will work with Ron who will report to DCAO Holt.
- Will use a presentation during the meeting to address primary questions and then allot time for Q&A at the end
- Next Meeting Date:
 - February 23, 2022
- Reminders:
 - Sign up for alerts on the website
 - Stay engaged in the County's FY 23 budget process

Parking Lot/Ideas

- A lot of residents have just recently become acclimated with Zoom and may have difficulty if a new format is used for the community meeting.
- Submitting questions in advance has been beneficial.
- Given the number of people interested in the school discussions, we could potentially expect 100-200 people in the community meeting. Recommend sticking with Zoom.
- Should we break up the meeting by associations, though using the same presentation, to better address questions? Perhaps.
- Is 6:30-8:30pm an option for the county? Yes, the County will accommodate the community for optimum participation.