



Ad Hoc Monitoring Group for Waterfront Construction

301 King Street City Hall
Alexandria, VA 22314

Meeting Notes for Monday, May 2, 2016 5:30 – 7:15 PM

Group Members in Attendance:

John Bordner, Chair, Waterfront Commission
Katy Cannady, Old Town Civic Association
Bert Ely, Friends of the Alexandria Waterfront
Barbara Saperstone, Waterford Place
Nina Randolph, Founders Park
Charlotte Hall, Chamber of Commerce
Ken Wire, Citi Interests (RTN)

Staff Members in Attendance:

Pete Mensinger, Code Administration
Daphne Kott, Civil Engineer, Department of Planning Implementation
Bill Skrabak, Deputy Director, Transportation & Environmental Services
Emilio Pundavela, Civil Engineer, Infrastructure ROW, T&ES
Dirk Geratz, Principal Planner, Planning & Zoning
Jack Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Lisa Jaatinen, Civil Engineer, Infrastructure ROW, Transportation & Environmental Services
Officer Len Fouch, Police Department

1. **Acceptance of April 4th Meeting Notes**
 - Mr. Bordner asked if there were any changes to the meeting notes. None were noted and the meeting notes were approved as submitted.
- 1a. **Oronoco Bay Outfall** – In response to a question from Nina Randolph, Bill Skrabak reported and clarified that there are three outfalls that flow into Oronoco Bay. These include two storm sewer outfalls and one combined sewer outfall.
2. **Take-a-Ways from April Meeting**

- **Carr Off-site Water Discharging** – Emilio Pundavela reported that the off-site water discharging was terminated on April 11 and will no longer be necessary.
- **StanTech Scope of Work** – Lisa Jaatinen reported that Tony Gammon with the Department of Project Implementation has been invited to the next meeting to provide an update on the scope of work associated with the flood mitigation wall planned for the waterfront.
- **Carr Monthly Updates** – John Bordner reported that Carr plans to continue the monthly construction updates.
- **Police Department Invitation** – A Police representative is in attendance at this meeting to address safety concerns in the waterfront area.

2.5.

Officer Len Fouch

- Barbara Saperstone shared concerns from her neighbors about the presence of construction workers in proximity to their homes. He noted that some neighbors feel very exposed to workers seeing when residents come and go from their homes. Office Fouch introduced himself and stated that he is on his third assignment in the waterfront area. Officer Fouch offered the following comments and suggestions:
 - He noted that there have been no crime reports related to the construction sites.
 - He encouraged residents to contact Officer Charlie Lloyd who will come to your home and conduct a crime survey and make suggestions about how one can improve the security of their homes.
 - He suggested calling any suspicious activity or concerns to the non-emergency number: 703.746.4444 (Department of Emergency Communications)

3.

Construction Schedule Updates on Waterfront Projects

- Staff provided an update on various projects as follows:
 - **ODBC:** Pete Mensinger reported that Code Administration’s advanced building permit comments were sent out to the Boat Club. This review is done as a courtesy prior to submission of the actual building permit application. Dirk Geratz reported that a fifth final site plan is expected soon followed by the Mylar submission of the site plan for signature.
 - **Robinson Terminal South:** Dirk Geratz reported that there has been no activity in the last month. City is awaiting the final outcome of the court challenges. EYA has not closed on the property.
 - **Robinson Terminal North:**
Grading Permit: Dirk Geratz reported that the City has released the Final 2 Grading Permit comments. The grading permit is related to the

demolition of the warehouse buildings and the grading necessary for the FEMA requirements.

Final Site Plan: Dirk Geratz also reported that the Final Site Plan has come in for its first round of review. Comments will be released within about two weeks.

Ken Wire reported that a pre-construction meeting, as required by the conditions of approval of the DSUP, has been scheduled for 6:30pm on May 25th at Sister Cities conference room in City Hall. Notice will be sent out shortly to property owners within the immediate area. The meeting will focus only on construction related items such as the construction schedule, contractor and contact information, road closures, etc. The meeting is not intended to review the details of the project or issues related to contamination.

Mr. Wire also reported that tour bus parking will cease as of June 2 on Union Street adjacent to the site. He also stated that the environmental review process has begun. He reported that they are now in stage 2 of the first phase. This will include drilling test holes throughout the site for sample testing. These tests will determine what is actually in the soil. Testing will be done on both sites.

Mr. Wire also reported that they hope to have the haul route determined by May 25th. He reported the demolition work could begin in June and take about two months to complete.

He also noted that Union Street would be closed during the grading work. Ad Hoc Group members had concerns about the placement of detour signs and making sure they are in place prior to the road closure. Adequate notice of the road closure to the community was recommended.

- **Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Rehabilitation:** Jack Browand reported That the project is now at 100% design documentation. The next step is selecting the contractor and to start work this summer.
- **Indigo Hotel:** Pete Mensinger provided a brief update on the hotel construction, noting that the slab work of the first floor will be completed this week and that framing of the second floor will begin very soon. He noted that the construction will now move more quickly and complete and that some of the walls of the garage are complete. The first floor slab is currently being worked on

4. **Haul Route Ordinance**

- Lisa Jaatinen stated that the ordinance related to creating civil penalties for haul route violations was approved by City Council in April. Once the new ticket forms arrive, City staff will be able to issue civil fines to those violating the haul routes.

5. **Action Items**

1. Ad Hoc Group members to review the webpage for the Group and note any changes or updates that may be needed.
2. Tony Gammon to be invited to next month's meeting to give an update on the waterfront flood mitigation.
3. Officer Len Fouch to provide contact information (names) for the Department of Emergency Communications to Dirk Geratz. This contact information should be added to the meeting notes as well as to the Ad Hoc Group webpage.
4. Send out next meeting agenda one week prior to the meeting.
5. Mention of the May 25th RTN Pre-Construction Meeting – *noted below*.

6. **Next Meeting**

- **Ad Hoc Group Meeting:** June 6, 2016 5:30pm at Sister Cities Conference Room, City Hall
- **RTN Pre-Construction Meeting:** May 25, 2016 6:30pm Sister Cities Conference Room, City Hall

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Making Complaints

- Call the HELP line: **703.746.HELP** or use the City's **call.click.connect** link on the main City webpage.
- Contact: Emilio Pundavela P.E., **571.221.8309** or via email at: **Emilio.Pundavela@alexandriava.gov**
- Department of Emergency Communications (Non-emergency Crime / security issues) **703.746.4444**