

S.C. 800 Community Meeting Minutes

A community meeting for Sanitary Contract No. 800, "Jones Fall Force Main," was held on Tuesday, July 26, 2005. The following people attended:

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Joan Floyd	RNA	410 662-9104
Dennis Byrne	Wyman Park	410 243-8897
Bill Mitchill	Hampden	410 889-6284
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Pamela Wilson	Peabody Heights/CV	410 889-6277
Christian Wilson	“ “	410 889-6277
C. Hildrer	2646 N. Charles St	410 889-9192
Sam Edoror	DPW/W&WWE	410 396-3428
Tom Devito	“ “	410 235-4335
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Allen Hicks	Hampden	410 235-2516
Belinda K. Conaway	City Council	410 396-4810
Wazir Qadri	DPW W&WW	410 396-3440
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Katie Richey	RNA	443-850-0972
Bruce Williams	DPW	410 396-3671
Nancy & Debbie	Mulligan Homeowners	410 243-4398
Kelly Pfeiffer	Community Law Center	410 366-0922
Mary Pat Clarke	City Council	410-396-4814
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Catherine E. Pugh	Delegate District 40	410-383-1500
Tonya Simmons	DPW/W&WW	410 396-3500
Jay Sakai	DPW/WWW	410 396-3500
Luke Bethhurst	WRA	410 235-3450
John Mayne	WRA	410 235-3450
Dominic Tiburzzi	WRA	410 235-3450

The following items were discussed:

Item 1 – Project Overview – Mr. Wyatt, Chief of Utility Engineering, gave an overview of the Consent Decree projects currently ongoing throughout the city as well as SC #800. Mr. Wyatt explained why the sewer is needed and why it is routed the way that it is. The

project will begin construction this fall and is expected to be completed by no later than June 30, 2007.

Item 2 – Neighborhood Issues – Luther Bathhurst, Design Engineer with Whitman, Requardt Associates, discussed how the contract addresses the following neighborhood concerns:

- **Traffic Control** – There are over 82 Traffic control drawings outlining detours, how single lanes will be kept open...etc. while the work is ongoing.
- **Parking** – There will be some parking disruption as the project progresses from block to block.
- **Noise Levels** – The noise level from the work will be very similar to that of a city bus.
- **Dust Control** – The contract requires a clean site and that dust be controlled and kept down. This is normally done with a water truck.
- **Trash Pickup** – Once we receive the contractor's schedule we will coordinate with solid Waste to ensure that trash pickup continues without interruption.
- **Night work** – In response to neighborhood concerns, all night work in residential areas has been deleted from the contract.
- **Safety** – Chain link safety fence will be installed at each excavation site throughout the project.
- **Pedestrian Access to homes** – Pedestrian access to homes will be maintained throughout the project.
- **Access to Businesses** – Ingress and egress to businesses will be maintained throughout the project.
- **Restoration** – Permanent site restoration will take place upon the completion of about every thousand feet of work
- **Structural Damage Concerns** – Pre-Construction videos will be taken of home exteriors, and where the owner permits it, internal inspections will take place. Seismographic monitoring of vibration will take place at each construction site.

- **Rodent Problems** – We acknowledge the residents concerns that the typical rat baiting program does not control the problem when construction work disturbs their habitat. We will meet with the Health Department to see what additional steps can be taken.
- **Bus Routes** – The City will meet with MTA to ensure that buses will be able to provide their typical services throughout construction.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee** – A Citizens Advisory committee consisting of Community and Business Association Representatives, City Council members, and the DPW project team will meet quarterly throughout the project to address neighborhood concerns.

Item 3 – Area below – 33rd at Fallscliffe Road – Access for truck traffic will be maintained for businesses in this area.

Item 4 – Construction Duration – Excavation and pipe installation will take approximately 2 ½ weeks per block.

Item 5 – Odors – This project is new construction. It will not add to any existing odor issue. We are also dosing at the Jones Falls Pumping Station in an effort to eliminate existing odors.

Item 6 – Interruption to Phone and Electric Lines – The contract requires that the Contractor maintain and protect existing utilities while this project is ongoing.

Item 7 – Sewer Backups – There is nothing being done as part of this project that should cause backups in anyone's home sewer system.

Item 8 – Open Trench Excavation – The majority of the sewer main will be installed using open trench excavation. This process occurs in the following manner.

- First the limits of the trench width, (roughly 10 feet), are neatly sawcut into the paving
- Next the existing paving within the limits of the trench will be removed.
- Next a piece of excavation equipment will begin removing the soil down to the depth needed to set the pipe. While this is ongoing, a trench support system is installed to keep the sides of the trench from failing. If the support system is designed and installed correctly the depth of the trench does not matter.

Item 9 – Water Problems at Chestnut and 32nd – During the excavation for sanitary work at Chestnut and 32nd there were two water main failures. In order to minimize the possibility of this happening on SC 800 extensive efforts have been made and will continue to be made to accurately locate existing utilities. In the event that water service is disrupted residents will have an emergency number to call. If, when water service is restored, the water comes out brown, let it run at the sanitary tub. It should clear up in a few minutes.

Item 10 – Air Vent at 34th and Chestnut – This vent will be raised to eliminate the order problems at the residence at this location. The vent to be installed as part of the new contract will be installed in such a manner so as not to repeat this problem.

Item 11 – Working hours – Working hours are 7:00 to 5:00 PM per the contract. The contractor can request to work overtime if necessary.

Item 12 – Existing Sewer Main – Upon completion of this project the existing main will be abandoned. At some future date the decision could be made to rehabilitate the existing line. At this time there are no plans to do so.

Item 13 – Procedure for filing a claim – The procedure for filing a claim is as follows:

All complainants have 180 days from the date of incident to file a claim. Complainants must request a claim form from the Law Department by calling 410 396-3300. A claim form will be sent same day. All completed claim forms must be sent back to the Law Department for review. Law Department will forward completed claim forms to the contractor's insurance company. Copies of personal videos or pictures should be sent to the Law Department along with the complainant completed claim forms. Complainant will be notified by Law Department of final decision.

Item 14 – Wyman Park – Any area of the park disturbed will be restored with plantings, seed and mulch, landscaping....etc. as needed.

Item 15 – Damage to Homes – Consent Decree Projects, using construction methods similar to what will be seen on S.C. 800 have been ongoing for several years. To date no damage has occurred which resulted in the abandonment or demolition of a home.

Item 16 – Mass Mailed Information Flier -Within the next month an informational flier will be sent to all homes and businesses that will be affected by the project. Another flier will be sent within 2 to 3 weeks of the time that construction will actually start in any given area.

Item 17 – Contracting Procedures – City contracts are awarded to the lowest responsive bidder. In order to purchase documents and bid on a contract a contractor must apply for and become pre-qualified in the construction type/category associated with the work on the contract.

Item 18 – Project Website – An informational web page will be set up on the City’s website for this project within the next month.

Item 19 – Emergency Services – Fire and Police will be notified whenever any changes in traffic patterns occur.

Item 20 – Equipment Staging - The core equipment, (backhoe, loader, compressors, generators, pumps), will remain at the worksite at the end of the day. Dumptrucks typically return to their company’s yard at the end of the day.

Item 21 – Speed Bumps – Installing speed bumps as part of overall site restoration would not be a problem; however any such request must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Transportation, Transit and Traffic Division.

Item 22 – Site Condition at End of Day – Mr. Bathurst stated that trenches will either be backfilled or covered with a steel plate at the end of the day.

Item 23 – Granite Curbstone – Items such as cobblestone, brick pavers, and granite curb are salvaged for reinstallation during the site restoration procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

If anyone has any questions concerning these minutes please contact me at 410 396-1663.

Sincerely,

Mike Schultz
Chief

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Mr. Dave L. Montgomery, Transportation
Mr. Frank Murphy, Transportation
All Attendees
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