

PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 4, 2015; 10:00 AM

90B North Center Street

Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Norine Haines, Bill Haines, Dave Heacock, Joy Heacock, Stephen Zawatski, Kathy Zawatski, Ken Cowley, Nancy Cowley, George Hansell, Wilma Fitzner, Robert Fitzner, Jennifer West

Cecil County Health Department (CCHD): Angela Scramlin

Cecil County Department of Planning and Zoning: Eric Sennstrom

Maryland Environmental Service (MES): Kristen Keene, David Peters

Maryland Port Administration (MPA): Chris Correale, Kristen Weiss

MPA Consultant: Fran Flanigan

AECOM (formerly URS): Chris Rogers, Jerry Katzmire

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Tim Kelly, Jerry Jones, Gavin Kaiser, William Roche

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Valerie Woodruff, Dick Leuliette

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Chris Correale and Kristen Weiss

- Ms. Weiss introduced herself as the new MPA Project Manager for the Pearce Creek project.
- Ms. Correale has taken over Dave Blazer's role and is the Director of Harbor Development.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee

- In regards to the September meeting summary, a change needs to be made under the Drinking Waterline Planning Progress section: the West View Shores (WVS) board voted on community property easements, not individual property easements. The summary will be approved with the appropriate changes reflected.
- In regards to the status of the tree trimming along the berm, the US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District (CENAP) expressed that all trees on the dikes will continue to be mowed in an effort to prevent structural damage to the dike and allow for continued inspection; however, the berm area outside of the access road that follows around the bottom of the dike will not be mowed, which will allow the vegetation to grow naturally.

3.0 Philadelphia District USACE (CENAP) Updates

Tim Kelly

Announcements

- Mr. Kelly has accepted the CENAP Chief Attendant of the Support Branch position and will be replaced by Jerry Jones as the CENAP Project Manager for the Pearce Creek project.
- Bill Roche will function as the onsite Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) representative and Gavin Kaiser will serve as the onsite Project Engineer.
- Residents should contact Mr. Roche at the site trailer to schedule a Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) site visit. All visitors are required to wear the appropriate level of personal protective equipment and must be escorted when they are onsite.

Liner Construction

- The trailers have been moved away from the DMCF entrance in an effort to address citizen concerns regarding the view shed. The liner material will be delivered and stored beside the

fence line near the dock, and the construction equipment will be stored along the top of the southern dike area.

- The 18-month liner construction schedule will be completed by March 2017; the site will accept dredged material in October 2017.
- Normal working hours will be from 7 am - 5 pm; weekend work will likely begin at a later date.

Groundwater and Discharge Monitoring Plans

- The groundwater and discharge monitoring plans must be submitted to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) at least six months prior to dredged material placement. CENAP is aiming to complete the monitoring plans by October 2016.

Water Quality Certification Renewal

- The current Water Quality Certification (WQC) expires March 31, 2016. A letter was sent to the MDE requesting an extension to March 31, 2018, which will allow for dredged material to be placed October 2017 through March 2018.

4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

Chris Rogers and Jerry Katzmire

Updates

- Mr. Katzmire will be the AECOM representative responsible for overseeing the field work associated with construction of the water system.
- The transmission main plans and bid documents are being advertised today (12/4); the plans and bid documents for the distribution main will go out next week; and the on-lot work (including well abandonment) contract will be issued in about six months.
- Construction of the transmission and distribution mains is expected to begin around March 2016.
- In the event that a homeowner refuses to connect to the system, a water service line will be laterally installed along the property to account for future hook-up needs.
- Official notifications will be distributed regarding the window of time in which MPA will pay for the connection. The commencement of the window of time (likely one year) will be determined in cooperation with MPA.

Water System Construction

- Throughout the construction process, residents will receive notifications from AECOM regarding when and where any construction hazards are going to be present, as well as the project progress.
- Construction of the waterline will take 10-11 months to complete and a trailer will be maintained for the duration of construction; trailer location is still to be determined.
- The contractor may be asking residents about locations to store materials.
- Prior to construction, the entire project site will be videotaped to document pre-construction conditions. During construction the work hours will be from 7 am - 5 pm, but the schedule may require the contractor to work on weekends or longer hours.
- The distribution system will be installed in three primary steps: 1) Saw-cut asphalt; 2) Pipe installation; and 3) Re-pave, seed, etc.
- Stone bedding will be placed in the trenches, followed by the pipe, and then backfilled with suitable material. The existing utilities will be tunneled, and any utilities and roads which are damaged will be repaired.

- During the on-lot work, yards will be repaired/restored and seeded after completion of the work. In most cases, the new water line will be tying into the existing well line.
- Residents should expect to see the placement of stakes on their properties in March 2016, which will be designating the location of the water service line.
- AECOM will be available to coordinate and meet with communities prior to construction to discuss the steps in greater detail.

5.0 MPA Update

Kristen Weiss

Elected Official Outreach

- A meeting with the elected officials was held on November 23rd at the Pearce Creek DMCF. Senator Hershey, Delegate Grist, Councilman McCarthy, County Executive Teri Moore, Mayor Zang, and Mary O’Keeffe (on behalf of Congressman Harris) were in attendance.
- CENAP provided an update regarding the installation of a privacy fence for the trailer area (not including the parking area), as well as site preparation activities.
- CENAP informed the elected officials that hunting has been discontinued on the property due to safety concerns during construction; CENAP will install additional ‘No Hunting’ signs.
- An update was also given by MPA concerning the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The total amount of funding, with regards to the Pearce Creek project, remains the same but the funds have been spread over three fiscal years instead of the initial two. The change will have no effect on the timeliness, delivery, and ultimate completion of the project.

Community Outreach

- The Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) annual meeting was held on November 6th and an update was given to the DMMP on the Pearce Creek DMCF by CENAP and MPA. MPA will share the meeting summary and/or the DMMP annual report with those who are interested.

6.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Community Meetings – Feedback from the Community Members

- The WVS Board of Directors approved the community property easement.
- Homeowners were able to decide whether or not to keep their existing water treatment system during the in-home survey. The contractor will be responsible for removal if it is desired by the homeowner, which will be reflected in the on-lot work bid documents.
- AECOM will first want to confirm the connection point with the residents, and then confirm the in-house equipment determination (removal/maintain).

7.0 Future Meeting Discussions

Fran Flanigan

- The next PCIC meeting will be held on February 19th, with the snow date being February 26th.
- The exterior monitoring results will be discussed at the next PCIC meeting, as well as construction updates.
- A request was made to provide an update on the monitoring approaches and statuses (i.e. communication between CENAP and MDE) at the next meeting.

8.0 Adjourn

Kristen Weiss