

# Site Visit Meeting Notes - 8/16/19

AGENDA FROM BENNETT

SIGN IN SHEET PASSED AROUND

- INTRODUCTION - (Bennett Knox)
  - Scope out needs for public meeting
  - Recap of last meeting
  - Key items today – preparation for public meeting/event, presentation of issues/options associated with pond sediment removal
    1. Full soil off site removal
    2. Placement in park
    3. Placement along floodwall topped by soil.
- OVERVIEW OF PROJECT AREAS - (Matt)
- POND
  - Discussion about soil (BK)
  - Reviewed options from above
  - include language from State letter:
    - "no further action" (Allison Smith)
    - What science tells us
  - Reminder that the community is concerned about cumulative impacts (AS)
  - Working thru community outreach:
    - Do Stations during the public meeting/event at Chickasaw
    - Need door-to-door
    - CNF - get neighborhoods out
    - Looking for a big turnout
    - Need 2-3 Stations
  - Soil Options for how to restore pond (present info, positives/negatives, costs)
    1. Spend soil on site
      - Around the park (assuming "no further action")
      - Least costly option - no hauling from site
      - potential placement on floodwall to soften grade
    2. Use soil along flood wall only.
      - Soften grade
      - Lessen the visual barrier of the flood wall
    3. Haul material off site
      - de-water then haul off-site
      - bring in new soil as needed
  - For the community - need for the community to be involved in the decision:
    - "They need all of the information" - shared in multiple ways
    - Provide information and education
    - Questionnaires/ survey /
    - If survey: how broad / wide?
    - Victory Park anecdote (Major Waltman)
      - On line
      - Door-to-door
      - At meetings

- ...they used a +/-2 mile radius
    - We have the opportunity to do mail (BK)
    - Both mail for it's immediacy and online for the larger area (AS)
  - Question from Fish & Wild Life: Did we test other areas? (for comparison)
    - Tested pond area
  - FWL: Testing in fish:
    - Reviewed past fish testing
    - Several weeks ago, came back to survey fish population...not enough sample in the pond to test.
    - Recommendation from FWL - proceed with renovations, restock the pond and then commit to periodic fish testing, a couple years down the road
    - FWL prefers to have fishing at this pond
  - BK Question: does it help to have toxicologist on site for the community meeting?
    - Group, Allison Smith, Fish & Wildlife, MSD
    - Other task forces?
      - AS: reach out to these groups
        - The could help with outreach
      - Engage users - talk to them on site
        - Canvas / question anglers
        - Sunday is the best day ... can we use the "Vista" workers?
        - BK: w/ Johnny: Have grant money to work with and could possibly pay canvassers
  - Who develops the survey?
    - AS with BK can generate draft; review with others
    - Victory suggested sending to a small group to make sure it is understandable and will yield correct information / information we are looking for
  - Johni: she is building a list of folks / groups that can help - that would be good to hit their distribution lists
  - WE ARE LOOKING AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER - PERHAPS 9/29/19 - ON A SUNDAY (after church) from 1-4 PM
  - Park is packed on Sundays -
  - Also - group should let the area churches know about this initiative
  - Presentation Info:
    - Boards - each with manned person
    - FAQ's should be used
    - Technical Experts (mentioned including Division of Water, representative of APCD)
  - Meeting 1 - End of September
  - Meeting 2 - End of October
- AMENITIES
  - How to present pond amenity options?
    - Priorities of Options from concept plans:
      - Fishing
      - Canoeing / kayaking
      - Environmental ed
      - Okay to zone different types of recreation / amenities?
    - Bank fishing will be done all over the place potentially (pond)
    - Swimming - it will happen, fishing zone or not
      - Should it be designated?

- MG question of Olmsted: are there any historic issues to stay away from?
  - MW: no, we're good, just use common sense with regard to Olmsted vision (simple)
- Rubbertown should have info on releases - APCD
- West Jeff. County Community Task Force also has info
- OVERFLOW / STORM SYSTEM
  - Move the pond off the combined sewer system to an outfall at the corner of the park
  - AS: Need to make sure we include an informational on one of the boards about solving the drainage / flooding around the area of the pond, this was one of the questions brought up previously
  - Parking lot reconfiguration - Need to define detailed design materials, need public input
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE / STEP POOLS
  - Later work that will occur following green infrastructure piece:
    - First: bank stabilization by USACE
    - Then: old boat ramp road improvements
  - The design team should keep both of these in mind
  - Design team is looking to control the outfall - make sure it is constructed in a way to allow for future improvements to the old road (pedestrian access/light maintenance). likely a road width no wider than 8-10' in the future with a turnaround at the bottom
  - MSD will not define outfall, will need to lean on L&F engineers
  - Narrowing road is an option, need to be aware of costs while doing this in initial work
  - MW: Iroquois step pools discussion - this system carries water with lots of vegetation to dissipate the flow
- NATURE PLAY AREA
  - Require overlook(s) - could be along the path to nature play with the understory cleared out a bit
  - could contain an educational component
  - L&F to identify initial info needed from parks for play forest area (parks needs to obtain from community via outreach over next three weeks (to prepare for Sept public meeting)
  - Need to identify space, provide options
  - Is there an educational component - what is nature play?
  - Manufactured vs. natural elements
  - Surfacing - various types?
  - Need to define who our user will be
- PARKING (revisited by smaller group - all community members gone by this time)
  - The community uses park en masse on Sundays during the summer:
    - Park is full
    - Cars line both sides of street and entire parking lot, people typically close off entrance to the park
    - Need to consider this during the design of the parking lot
    - plan to take photos from an upcoming Sunday
    - Need to define space
    - Need to determine how it is used
    - Elements:
      - Parking
      - Green infrastructure?
      - Special setting / gathering space
- L&F to start generating boards for review and input prior to Sun 30
- Send Draft boards to folks. Suggested Kurt, Eboni, Victory. others?