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DESIGN CHANGES PLANNED FOR LIFT STATION 87

Sarasota, FL: The City Commission during its May 5, 2014 meeting directed Lift Station 87 project engineer McKim & Creed to move forward with an above-ground design to withstand the impact of a Category 3 hurricane. The Urban Design Studio will help create an aesthetically pleasing architectural design with input from the community. At this time, no final decision has been made concerning the height of the structure.

“We’ll be looking at options regarding the height and footprint of Lift Station 87,” said Utilities Director Mitt Tidwell. “For now, we were directed to develop a design to withstand a Category 3 hurricane and to ensure there is community input. Going above-ground is vital, though, since this facility handles nearly one third of the City’s wastewater,” said Tidwell.

Citizen input will be solicited on the project design at a public meeting to be scheduled in the coming weeks. The goal will be to create an architectural design that blends in with the park environment. “We’ve heard a lot of citizen concern for the look of Luke Wood Park. We want to show the residents what an above-ground structure might look like, how it can be designed to Sarasota standards, answer questions and receive input,” said Tidwell.

Once completed, the Lift Station 87 Project will improve wastewater service and reliability for the City of Sarasota customers and protect the environment. The new Lift Station 87 will replace existing Lift Station 7, located at 935 Pomelo Avenue. Wastewater flow will be redirected from Lift Station 7 to Lift Station 87, located in Luke Wood Park.

For more information about the Lift Station 87 project, go to www.LiftStation87.com or call our project information line at 941-356-8071. Interested parties can also subscribe to email updates at www.egovlink.com/sarasota/subscriptions/subscribe.asp. Also, follow us on Twitter @CityofSarasota.