

LIFT STATION NO. 87: 13-34DB

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

SRQ MEDIA STUDIO

November 9, 2016

Item 1: Call Meeting to Order

At 1:00 pm Robert Garland, Lift Station 87 Project Manager and Vice President of McKim & Creed, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He first apologized for those who showed up to the LS 87 Public Meeting scheduled for October 25th, which was re-scheduled for today due to a glitch in the meeting noticing process and had to reschedule for today. He then requested that when we get to the public input questions we begin with the Landscape questions and concerns first and then any other public input and questions thereafter.

In attendance were Michelle Robinson, Public Outreach for LS 87, Seton Katz, Capital Projects Manager/City, Mike Crumpton, Utilities Engineering Manager, Mitt Tidwell, Utilities Director, Tony Centurione, LS 87 Project Manager/City, Robert Garland, LS 87 Project Manager /McKim & Creed, Phil Smith, Landscape Architect, Peter Turnbull, Vадnais/Project Superintendent, Blake Peters, McKim & Creed Project Engineer, Daniel Ohrenstein, Assistant City Engineer/Traffic, and members of the public.

Item 2: Review of Minutes

Robert stated that the July 26, 2016, community outreach meeting minutes were distributed and asked if there were changes. Hearing none, Robert announced the minutes approved as submitted.

Item 3: Program Schedule Review

Robert announced that this is a three (3) phase project then briefly reviewed Phase 1 (LS 87 Microtunneling) currently in progress, Peter Turnbull with Vадnais is the contractor on site. Phase 2 (LS 87 Structure) including landscaping. Phil Smith, the landscape architect. Phase 3 (LS 87 Gravity Mains). He outlined projected construction timelines:

Phase 1, LS 87 Microtunneling, is on schedule on Osprey Avenue. Phase 1 started in May 2016 and is scheduled to be complete July 2017.

Phase 2, LS 87 Structure located on Mound Street, will go out to bid before Phase 1 is complete and will commence when Phase 1 is winding down. Phil Smith, landscape architect, will show an overview of the landscaping details. Phase 2 will be in construction from May 2017 to October 2019.

Phase 3, LS 87 Gravity Mains, will include parts of Osprey Ave., Alta Vista Street, Pomelo Ave. & Pomelo Place. This also will go out to bid prior to the finalization of Phase 2 and is planned to start as soon as Phase 2 is winding down. Phase 3 will be from August 2019 to December 2020.

Item 4: Phase 1 – Lift Station 87 Maintenance of traffic Plan – Status/Update

Robert stated that on August 1, we implemented our maintenance of traffic plan and closed the Osprey Bridge to traffic. In order to maintain safe traffic flow during construction we have staged the following;

1st – Directing traffic to Mound Street/US 41 to avoid neighborhoods.

2nd – Addressing pedestrian detours and sidewalk closures.

3rd – Identifying access to businesses on Osprey Avenue.

The maintenance of traffic plan has gone fairly smooth, we have addressed the issues from the residents and welcome public input as the project progresses. On Phase I, we rolled out the maintenance of traffic plan to the public and we will roll the maintenance of traffic plan out again for the next phases.

Item 5: Lift Station 87 Landscape Plan

Robert recalled, after a series of public meetings and the last public meeting held on July 26, 2016, the red brick façade had the best favorability with the attendees. This design was the closest match to the historic Sarasota High School building.

Robert introduced the landscape architect with David W. Johnston Associates, Inc., Phillip J. Smith, ASLA.

Phil Smith addressed the landscape architectural renderings stating that the site plan application began in December, 2014 with input from the City of Sarasota's Urban Design Studio and the community. He produced an overhead view of what the entire landscape design will look like when complete. The intent of this design is to bring back a park like setting as he showed both before and after views of the Lift Station Structure on Mound Street. He discussed the need to bring in large size plant material such as 20 foot tall Southern Live Oaks and due to a fair amount of Pine Tree removal, planting 10-12 foot tall Slash Pines, Southern Red Cedar and Cabbage Palms. Drought tolerant and native plants will also be incorporated in the design such as firebush, Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass, Grey Saw Palmetto, Muhly Grass, Beauty Berry, Wild Coffee, Coontie and Boston Ferns.

Robert explained the need for a firm base that would hold the weight of heavy trucks and the grass pavers would be installed with a grass cover to provide a firm foundation for driving on and grass for a more park like setting.

Item 6: Phase 1 – Lift Station 87 Microtunneling Schedule Review

Robert reported that Phase 1 is on schedule. Jacking Shaft Man Hole #17, between Lincoln and the bridge, commenced in October and is scheduled to be complete November, 2016.

Receiving Shaft Man Hole #21, at Osprey Avenue and US 41 Intersection to begin December, 2016 and to be complete January, 2017.

Jacking Shaft Man Hole #24, located at Luke Wood Park to begin December, 2016 and to be complete January, 2017.

Once the jacking shafts are complete, then the microtunneling machine will be brought in. The first microtunneling drive will be on Osprey Avenue and is scheduled to start December/January, 2017.

The second microtunneling drive will be located at Luke Wood Park and is scheduled to start in February, 2017, after the first drive is complete. Each microtunneling drive takes 45 to 60 days to complete.

Demobilization beginning in July, 2017.

Once the second drive has begun we will be ready to bid Lift Station 87, Phase 2.

Item 7: Outstanding Business

No outstanding business at this time.

Item 8: New Business

No new business at this time.

Item 9: Public Input

Michelle Robinson called for public input, informing the audience that the meeting was being recorded and asking speakers to state their name and address for the record. Following is a summary of questions, comments, and answers. She stated that we would like to hear only the questions on the landscaping first at this time and thereafter we will accept other concerns.

Donna Verstrate, Central Park I, was the first to speak. She brought up concerns about the shell path that goes from Osprey to Lift Station 71.

Robert Garland addressed her concern and stated that the shell path will be removed and replaced with grass when the project is complete.

Susan Chapman, City Commissioner, stated that Luke Wood Park used to be an arboretum. She was wondering if there was any plan to restore the arboretum at Luke Wood Park. The Garden Club created the arboretum back in the 1930's.

Phil Smith said that he would have to do a little bit of research and get back to her. His involvement was to look at the existing canopy and restore back to its original

Michelle Robinson stated that there is a website that talks about the arboretum as well.

Kathy Faught, Central Park II, likes the fact that the team was proposing to plant native plants and restore the canopy. She has concerns with the lack of plantings on the back side of the LS Structure that is in the line of view for people who live on the 2nd floor at Central Park II.

Phil Smith stated that we do not have a lot of low and midgrade material but we have a lot of existing vegetation.

Robert stated that they will take a look at the planting behind the structure and post any revisions to the website.

Michelle said we are ready to accept any other questions or concerns.

Susan Chapman, Commissioner, expressed concerns to the vibration and pounding.

Tony Centurione stated that they do have monitors in place and it is set up to alert when the vibration has reached 80% of the FDOT allowable level. To this date we have only reached above 80% once since construction has begun. We are 75% complete with the first shaft next to the bridge.

Donna Verstrate, Central Park I, expressed concerns on the pounding also. What is the pounding going to do to their structure, if anything?

Tony Centurione said the project team is keeping a close eye on the vibration monitors, and we are under the allowable level. If you see anything that concerns you on your building please let us know.

Susan Chapman, Commissioner, requested to see the construction schedule again.

Robert brought up the schedule on the viewer and explained the time line. He confirmed that they will keep the public informed if there are any changes or delays. He suggested that when the first drive is complete they will consider an open house so that the community can see what has been accomplished and what is involved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.