



# Lift Station 87

February 2017 Lift Station 7 Landscaping Meeting  
Public Input Summary

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017; 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Lift Station 87 Construction Offices, 824 S. Osprey Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017; 1:30 – 2:00 pm.  
SRQ Media Studio

## Residents in

**Attendance:** 10

Project team members discussed demolition of the Lift Station 7 facilities and plans to return the area to a park-like setting. Robert Garland of McKim & Creed explained to residents that the lift station would be demolished to approximately four feet underground and remaining pipes/structures would be filled with flowable fill concrete for stability. Two landscape plans were discussed and residents were able to ask questions and provide feedback.

## Comment Form Summary

Residents were asked to read statements regarding the meeting and indicate whether they Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly Agree or are Neutral on the statement. Eight of 10 attendees completed the form; two of 10 attendees verbally replied. Following are the results:

- *It is important to me that the proposed landscape plan be low maintenance:* 10 of 10 respondents agreed or strongly agreed.
- *It is important to me that the proposed landscape plan include native Florida plants:* 10 of 10 respondents agreed or strongly agreed.
- *It is important to me that the proposed landscape plan include sitting areas:* 8 of 10 respondents agreed or strongly agreed; 2 respondent disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Residents were also asked which landscape plan they preferred: Option A (with a fence) or Option B (without a fence). Only seven residents responded to this section:

- Preferred Option A: 6 of 7 respondents
- Preferred Option B: 1 of 7 respondent

### **Other comments and questions noted:**

- Adding curbs to the site might prevent delivery and maintenance vehicles from driving over the green areas. Consider using a curb “D” around pavement edge.
- Consider placing larger plant materials on corners to deter vehicles.
- Add a dog waste bag dispenser somewhere in the park.
- Add a trash receptacle.
- Don’t need an expensive fence. Post and cable would serve the same purpose.
- I prefer the fence but it’s not absolutely required.
- We would like to ensure that the trees remain and the space remains simple green space. We would love to see some ornamental/flowering trees (not sure what’s best but can research). Make pretty and more buffer for the neighbors. We also like the idea of creating a habitat garden for bees and butterflies. Could be added later by residents.
- Considering adding flowering trees.
- Prefer paver path over concrete. Pavers will be better when dealing with tree roots.
- Accessible to all the Hudson Bayou Neighborhood as a place to rest on a bench in a pocket park when walking.
- No benches! Keep it simple with trees and bushes, green space, no paths! No fence!
- Low maintenance; not an area cars will park.
- West side open area – planting of understory trees.
- Preventing a sinkhole, once the station is decommissioned, should be our chief concern. I strongly believe than an independent third party expert in sinkhole mitigation should be brought in to determine the safest way to remove everything from the site. I personally think that all of LS 7 needs to be removed and the earth replaced as it was before but I’m not the expert.
- Rather than a fence, use shrubs to discourage parking at the park.
- Consider professional pest control to eradicate any pests during decommissioning.