

PEARCE CREEK IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 15, 2016 10:00 AM

90B North Center Street

Cecilton, MD 21919

Attendees:

AECOM (formerly URS): Chris Rogers

Bay View Estates (BVE) Residents: Norine Haines, Bill Haines, Joy Heacock, Dave Heacock, Jennifer West, Shane West, Mary Ann Fischer, William Fischer, Glenn Sass, Penny Sass, Becky Kiersznowski, Ken Cowley, John Sobon, Sandra Stake, George Hansell, Wilma Fitzner, Bob Fitzner

Cecil County Health Department (CCHD): Rachel Burbey

Cecil County Office of Planning and Zoning (CC OPZ): Tony DiGiacomo

Cecil Whig: Jake Owens

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

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

MPA Consultant: Fran Flanigan

Representative from Office of Congressman Harris: Mary O'Keefe

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE): Colonel Michael Bliss, Jerry Jones, Tony DePasquale, Joesph Pinal, Gavin Kaiser, Tim Boyle, Paul Leahan, Tim Kelly

West View Shores (WVS) Residents: Valerie Woodruff, Howard Gipe

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

Kristen Weiss

- Ms. Weiss welcomed the attendees to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

2.0 Summary Approval

Committee

- The Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) February 2016 draft meeting summary will be uploaded to the outreach website and approved at the June meeting.

3.0 Philadelphia District USACE (CENAP) Updates

CENAP

Liner Construction

- Liner installation will begin on April 18th. The contractor will be removing 12 inches of soil, screening the material below, placing the liner, and then covering it with 1 ft. of topsoil material.

Water Quality Certification (WQC) Renewal

- The WQC renewal letter was received by CENAP on March 24, 2016 and is valid until March 31, 2018.

Tree Planting

- As the project moves forward trees will be planted in an effort to replace the previous plantings that did not survive and additional trees will be planted along Pond Neck Road in coordination with the water system construction efforts.

Mosquito Spraying

- Mosquito spraying will begin subsequent to dredged material placement (fall or winter of 2017). If mosquitoes became an issue then the spraying schedule can be advanced.
- Citizens can contact Jerry Jones regarding questions about spraying for mosquitoes.

4.0 Drinking Water Line Planning Progress

Chris Rogers and Mayor Joe Zang

Water System Construction Updates

- The water line project has been broken down into three contracts: the transmission main, the distribution main, and the on-lot work.
- The construction contract for the transmission main has been awarded to Eastern States Construction and the Notice to Proceed was issued. Construction will begin on April 18th. Clearing and grading at the first chlorine injection station has begun.
- For the transmission main project, AECOM has revised the plans to show the waterline in the State Highway easement for the first pipe out of the Town of Cecilton. Revisions to the plan will not delay the project.
- The distribution main contract was awarded to Reybold Construction; the Notice to Proceed has not been issued. Construction should begin next month.
- The duration for both projects should take about a year. The on-lot work will begin after the distribution system is on-line; on-lot work is expected to start in about 12 months.
- AECOM has received 51 calls/emails requesting revisions or asking for inspections of homeowner lots for the on-lot waterline plans. AECOM will follow-up to perform the inspections and revisions.
- Another “What to Expect” informational meeting regarding on-lot construction will be held in the fall.

5.0 MPA Update

Kristen Weiss

Elected Official Outreach

- MPA will be meeting with the elected officials in the spring to provide updates to the project as well as a site tour.

DMMP Advisory Committee Structure Review

- The Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) is a State Program that was set in statute in 2001 and has an Executive Committee that advises the Governor on long-term sustainable planning for dredged material management solutions.
- The DMMP Executive Committee is informed, staffed, and advised by a series of other advisory groups such as: the Bay Enhancement Working Group (BEWG) / Scientific and Technical Advisors; Masonville Citizen Advisory Committee; Pearce Creek Implementation Committee; Cox Creek Citizen Oversight Committee (COC); Hart-Miler Island COC; Citizen’s Advisory Committee; and the Harbor Team.
- All of the committees meet regularly and report to the DMMP Management Committee, which has staff level representatives from the various departments and agencies involved in Maryland’s DMMP (i.e. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), MPA, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3).
- The DMMP Management Committee meets quarterly and works on recommendations, suggestions, and solutions that are presented and approved by the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, the Commanders from the USACE (Philadelphia and Baltimore Districts), a representative from the

CBF, a representative of the Management Committee and the Secretary of MDE, with the Secretary of DNR and the Secretary of MDOT serving as co-chairs of the Committee.

- The Executive Committee is required to meet twice a year to approve the State’s long-term 20 year plan for dredged material management solutions, which is sent to the Governor annually.
- The DMMP Annual Reports are available on the MPA website (<http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/greenport/publications.php>).

Pearce Creek Website Walkthrough

- A walkthrough of the Pearce Creek website (www.pearcecreekoutreach.com) was provided and a new subscription feature for periodic and as-needed email notifications and updates was highlighted.
- The Pearce Creek Implementation Committee (PCIC) meeting minutes can be found in the “Implementation Committee” section. PCIC meeting summaries are not uploaded until they have been approved by the PCIC. Moving forward, a draft of the PCIC meeting minutes will be placed on the website for review prior to the next PCIC meeting.

Exterior Monitoring

- The next sampling event will be conducted in spring of 2016, likely towards the end of May.
- In six months, subsequent to sampling, the results will be available for presentation to the PCIC. The summary report for each event will be placed on the website.
- The sampling completed prior to inflow will be the baseline analysis. This will be used to compare against the sampling events after inflow occurs.

6.0 Citizen Comments

Community Representatives

Community Meetings – Feedback from the Community Members

- A citizen voiced a concern, regarding the Stemmers Run Road and the Dredged Material Containment Facility (DMCF) entrance, that there have been several incidents that were caused by trucks speeding out of the DMCF site and driving down the road unsafely. It was replied that the issue will be addressed at the next safety meeting.
- A citizen asked about on-site monitoring to ensure the reliability of the liner. It was replied that there will be groundwater monitoring and that the material will not go through the liner. The wells are located around the DMCF, and if there is any leakage, the wells will detect it.
- A citizen asked what would happen if the liner leaked, and how it would be repaired. It was replied that for any leak CENAP would take a reactionary remedial measure. Technology is available to pump water out of the wells and construct additional barriers. CENAP does not anticipate any leakage.

7.0 Future Meeting Discussions

The next PCIC meeting will be held on June 17th.

Fran Flanigan

Adjourn

Kristen Weiss