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Tantallon Infrastructure & Flood Mitigation Workgroup Meeting Minutes March 23, 2022

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Opening Remarks
- Community Meeting Recap
- Federal RAISE Grant Application
 - Community Letter of Support (Director Andrea Crooms – DoE)
- Property Easement Research
- Run-Off Concerns
- New Business
- Next Steps

Attendees

- Floyd E. Holt, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, *Working Group Chair*
- Dana Cooper, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Anthony Foster, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- Oluseyi Olugbenle, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Andrea Crooms, Director, Department of the Environment
- Jeffrey DeHan, Associate Director, Department of the Environment
- Frank Galosi, Project Manager, Department of the Environment
- Charlie Griffith, Associate Director, Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Jason Washington, Director, Office of Alternative Infrastructure Planning and Development, PGCPS
- Damion Lampley, WSSC, Director of Utility Services
- Ronald Weiss, Board Member of the Tantallon Citizen's Association, *Inc., Working Group Co-Chair*
- Hazel Robinson, President, Tantallon Square Civic Association
- Herbert Jones, President, North Tantallon Civic Association
- Duane Bouie, Chairman, TNACA Infrastructure & Technology Committee
- Tolores Holmes, Impacted Resident
- Zaneta Walthour, Impacted Resident
- Flavia Walton, Impacted Resident
- Carter Farrington, President, Tantallon Citizens Association

Old Business

- The community meeting went well. The number of participants that attended the meeting ranged between 88 – 102. We received numerous service requests following the meeting and those requests are being sent to Charlie Griffith (DPW&T) for follow-up. We are also reminding residents that it is imperative to submit their service requests via PGC311 because there is a tracking mechanism involved with that program.
- Ron Weiss – received many positive comments and feedback regarding the community meeting. He is very appreciative of the work of the County. The county's response to these concerns is going better than expected.
- Flavia Walton – had a conversation with several neighbors who are very pleased and believes that this working group serves as a model for public-private partnerships.

- Hazel Robinson – the community meeting was well received by the residents of Tantallon Square. We did have difficulty getting the notice out due to residents who were not internet savvy. This is an issue with neighborhood meetings as well. A lot of support was needed to assist with getting residents on the line, but their participation is important; because these are the residents who are at home all day and see things first.
 - Q: Is it possible to get a copy of the participants list?
 - A: Yes. We are unable to sort it, but we can provide the master list.
- Zaneta Walthour – agrees that the meeting was overall well received. There were three concerns that were brought to my attention:
 - More lead time needed to notify the community; we would benefit from public signs
 - Those in Tantallon South are experiencing run-off from the school and are noticing cracks in their homes. They would like to know what will be done to assist.
 - Response: Dana received inquiries for those concerns and have sent them to Jason Washington for follow up. He will also provide an update on the run-off later during the meeting.

New Business

- DoE – Federal RAISE Grant
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants
 - We are applying for a Federal Raise Grant to conduct work in the Tantallon area. This is in effort to address those unfunded projects in the area. We may need letters of support from the community to submit with the application to help move it forward. It is a competitive process, and we are trying to convey the urgency of the Tantallon area. We will draft a letter on behalf of the communities to be signed.
 - Q: Are the Raise funds different from the president's Infrastructure funds?
 - A: It's a hybrid method. It does fall under that umbrella. It is an independent sector of the overall funds.
 - The grant amount would be about \$5.2million with an 80/20 split – covering about 80% of project costs.
 - Q: When is it due? When would we know if it was accepted?
 - A: Our application deadline is mid-April. Around April 14th. The timeline for approval is around November.
 - Q: Will these funds specifically go towards the Tantallon flood mitigation projects that we have be briefed on? Is it for phase 2?
 - A: Yes, these funds are for the DoE Tantallon flood mitigation project. This is separate from the phase 2 project that DPWT has planned. However, these projects benefit one another.
 - Q: Will the DPWT phase 2 projects go on despite the outcome of this grant?
 - A: Yes.
- Property Easement Research
 - How to find your property easements: www.pgatlas.com
 - Click the magnifying glass, type in your home address, your property and its owner will show, then click the plat number, and if data is available – it will show.
 - A variety of easements may display: Storm drain easements, flood plain easements, or surface drain easements.
 - Some of these plats/images are very old and may not be specified. It is a good place to start.
 - The actual legal document that is attached to your parcel must be obtained through the county's Land Records. You can submit a request to the Land Records website.
 - The type of easement determines the responsibility of the homeowner or the county.

- Comment: If we are responsible for the work of an easement but obtaining the document is not easily accessible, then that is concerning. Especially for people who are not the original homeowner.
 - Response: The storm drain map will be the best tool. Otherwise, this is true, it does require a bit of work to acquire these documents.
- Run-Off Concerns
 - Jason Washington – the rainfall was not significant enough to have triggered that amount of run-off. The amount of run-off was unacceptable and was due to reasons that staffers are now addressing. We've talked about cleaning out the storm drain near the circle, as well as additional silt fencing. We apologize for the disturbance and take full responsibility.
 - We are following up with those who submitted concerns for cracks in their homes. We have initiated Gill Baine to work with the insurance providers. It is their liability, not PGCPS'. Our job is to ensure that we have contacted everybody who have reached about.
 - Some of the final work will mitigate the run-off work as well. These mechanisms will divert the water completely but have not been installed yet.
 - Sewer line work began yesterday and is expected to take roughly 3-4 weeks to complete across Ft. Washington.
 - By the end of April, the new name for the school will be confirmed.
 - Q: Was the drain that was recently assessed determined to be clogged?
 - A: Not clogged but slow draining. We are not going to be allowed to connect to that drain per DPIE.
- DCAO Update
 - Introduced the new Deputy Director of DPWT, Oluseyi Olugbenle
 - Q: Is the county still looking for a director?
 - A: Yes, we are continuing to look and hope to fill the position soon.

New Action Items

- Provide a list of the community meeting participants.
- Community Letters of Support to be drafted and sent to the community for signature.
- Next meeting date: April 27th

Parking Lot/Ideas

- Consider providing a training session for those who have trouble participating in online meetings.
- For the Potomac Landing school, many residents have ideas for the use of the school. We want a voice because it is still a vibrant part of the community.
 - The person to get in touch with is the board member for District 8
- How can we get more trees?
 - Resident requests for trees can be made through PGC311. The county program typically plants trees December – February and has completed its general planting for this fiscal year.
- Is there an air quality monitor in our area?
 - DoE has requested a grant for an air quality monitor but currently it is not in our budget. We do have high level monitoring but not yet at the local level. This is an objective that is listed in the Climate Action Plan.