

Meeting with East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association
Committee Meeting

Southwest Interceptor Rehabilitation
1MN341, 1MN342, 1MN343, 1MN343A

Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2012

Attendees: Rex Huttes – MCES
Marcia Holmberg – MPRB
Kevin Larson – EHFNA
Matt Perry – NEHBA
Brian Nalezny - EHFNA
Tim O'Donnell – MCES
Angela Popenhagen – Stevens Engineers
Tom Madigan – Foth
Kristina Hughes – EHFNA and Roberts Bird Sanctuary
Roger Worm – NEHBA
Cliff Swenson - MPRB

Items Discussed:

1. Project presentation by Rex Huttes regarding the interceptor project areas including an overview of the Council's interceptor system by Rex and Tim O'Donnell.
2. Discussed three (3) project areas and the anticipated schedule for each area.
3. Significant discussion regarding impacts to residents whose services are directly connected to the sanitary sewers slated for relining. Highlighted details on hotel stays for those residents. Affected residents will be contacted directly.
4. Construction Notification Process: Homeowners will be notified 2 weeks before construction begins, 48 hour notice for disconnection, and a 24 hour door knock notice prior to disconnection. MCES will also host an Open House prior to construction. Notifications will be via mail, door hangers and door knocks.
5. Concerned about business displacement such as Gigi's and adjacent hair salon during construction. Appears they won't be affected but MCES will work with businesses directly to address any impacts.
6. Discussion of individual shaft locations and timelines/construction processes.
7. Mentioned the Bird Sanctuary recommended construction during non-migrating times.
8. Review of general progress of work and timelines of each stage. Also discussed how this affects residents and durations of hotel stays.
9. Attendees asked about project's construction costs: Phase 1 – \$2.7 mil. Phase 2 – \$ 7.3 mil.
10. Construction footprint: 8'x8' around manholes in phase 1 and bird sanctuary, will be larger, potentially up to 15'x15', in deeper and larger pipe areas.
11. Questioned why so many manholes through the bird sanctuary. Discussed reason for manholes and consideration for eliminating a few. Also talked about engineer's review to re-route sanitary sewer away from bird sanctuary and that would cost about \$15 million and then there would still be the need for the pipe through the bird sanctuary and that it'd still have to be repaired.
12. Photos were reviewed. Diversion pipes, pump noise limited due to the insulated housing, and covering manholes to minimize odors were discussed. These items are very dependent on the contractor.

13. In area of known as 1-MN-342, discussed open cut, piles, geotechnical concerns, and failures to complete the design in the past.
14. Reviewed “target” schedule dates.
15. Discussed wetlands and permits that are required by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.
16. Kevin Larson will put a map on the neighborhood website along with contact information to keep residents informed.
17. Tim O’Donnell of MCES will be primary contact person for questions at this time. Other contact information will be posted once construction starts.
18. For the 1-MN-342 Reconstruction project (only), two to six (2 – 6) weeks prior to construction, pre-inspection of adjacent homes to document baseline condition will be conducted. Tim O’Donnell discussed that if cracks are seen on homes during the pre-construction survey, crack monitors could be installed to observe if the cracks get worse due to construction. This will protect the homeowner as well as the contractor.
19. On the 1-MN-342 Reconstruction, vibration monitors will be installed if piling is required. These monitors will be installed prior to construction to get a baseline reading and then monitored during construction.
20. There were discussions on the issue of impact of invasive species and seed bank disturbance in the area of the Bird Sanctuary. MPRB will review the restoration plan. Cliff, Marcia, and others from the MPRB will provide the Council with mitigation measures for the contract bid documents. Any trees planted and invasive species removal measures within the Roberts Bird Sanctuary will require a two-year maintenance by the construction contractor. Any further questions regarding the bird sanctuary area can be directed to Cliff Swenson.
21. Matt Perry and Roger Worm will work with businesses along 36th and arrange meetings with MCES as needed.
22. MPRB requested MCES to contact/notify Peace Garden memorial beds contacts. Construction within the Peace Garden will be scheduled during the fall or winter months to minimize impact to weddings and plants. There are three stakeholders within the Peace Garden (i.e. Marge Wonder, Mens Garden Club and other); the Council should make sure to notify all regarding project details.
23. Scheduled to attend next East Harriet Farmstead Board meeting on Jan 9th. MCES will have an open house setting.