

Subject: Public Meeting #3	
Client: City of Charlotte Storm Water Services	
Project: Princeton-Somerset Minor SDIP	Project No: 10433-165251-018
Meeting Date: September 12, 2013	Meeting Location: Mahlon Adams Pavilion
Notes by: Jennie Gende-Casanova, Patrick Blandford	

Attendees:

Jennifer Barker	Charlotte Storm Water Services
Doug Lozner	Charlotte Storm Water Services
Steve Frey	Engineering and Property Management
Patrick Blandford	HDR
Jennie Gende-Casanova	HDR

Topics Discussed:

1. Welcome:
 - a. Ms. Barker welcomed the attendees and provided introductions of the project team present at the meeting. Two (2) residents were present for the meeting. Meeting agenda and sign-in sheet attached.
2. Purpose:
 - a. Ms. Barker explained that the purpose of the public meeting was to present the design to date and provide property specific information on project impacts for initiation of the City Real Estate phase. She prefaced that the public meeting would be the last public meeting for the project.
3. Project to Date:
 - a. Ms. Barker briefly reviewed the project phases and anticipated duration to complete each future phase. She noted that the permitting phase and construction phase may not be as long as anticipated due to fewer permits required and the straightforwardness of the project. She stated that the easement acquisition phase is the phase the public can influence the project schedule the most; as soon as all easements are obtained, the City can move forward with finalizing the design and begin bidding.
 - b. Mr. Blandford presented the overall design intent of the project stating that the proposed improvement will capture public drainage within the roadway and provide opportunities to capture and convey private drainage where it cannot be positively drained. As a result, a number of existing systems may remain in place to accept local, private drainage. These systems were CCTVed to determine their suitability and will need to be maintained by the property owners.
 - c. Mr. Blandford reviewed the proposed storm drainage improvements street by street highlighting the significant changes from the Preferred Alternative from planning. He commented that these changes have occurred due to feedback from other stakeholders, such as CDOT and CMU, coordination with project utilities and their representatives, and discussions with impacted property owners. Mr. Blandford stated that the new Princeton Avenue system will run down the westbound lane so as not to disturb the existing sidewalk, and Ms. Barker mentioned that the eastbound lane of Princeton Avenue is proposed not to be disturbed.
 - d. At the conclusion of Mr. Blandford's portion of the presentation, Ms. Barker introduced Mr. Frey to present the City's Real Estate acquisition phase.

4. Real Estate Phase:

- a. Mr. Frey discussed the purpose for easements, the process by which easements are obtained, and type of easements needed for the project. He also discussed an easement abandonment process, which will occur for property owners who already have a storm drainage easement on their property that will no longer be needed.
- b. Mr. Frey mentioned that a letter will be distributed to property home owners in the next 4-6 weeks indicating whose property has been identified for an easement need. Not all property owners present at the public meeting will receive a letter, meaning that a proposed easement is not needed to perform work on their property. Subsequently, work may be performed in an existing easement or in the right-of-way near their property.
- c. Several questions were raised about the alleyway between Somerset Drive and Idlewood Circle along the backs of homes on Princeton Avenue.

5. Path Forward:

- a. Ms. Barker concluded the presentation with a discussion of the next steps and anticipated outcomes. She mentioned that only one permit (erosion and sediment control) is needed and that this permit can be obtained concurrent with the Real Estate phase. She mentioned that construction may be performed logically from downstream to upstream starting at Forest Park and working up Princeton Avenue before moving onto Somerset Drive or Idlewood Circle. Mr. Blandford added that construction will be performed one block at a time with full lane closures for that block.
- b. Upon conclusion of the presentation, the meeting participants moved to the plan sets in the back of the room. With only a few meeting participants, the sheets of interest were combined at one table and reviewed with each property owner.

6. General Questions & Comments:

- a. Q: Resident asked if the pipes on 1227 Princeton Avenue next to his house had been CCTVed.
A: The pipes at 1227 Princeton Avenue were CCTVed and determined to be functioning and therefore not proposed to be replaced.
- b. Q: Resident asked how deep the pipe will be running down Somerset Drive.
A: Mr. Blandford stated that he did not specifically know that it would be around 6-7 feet deep, but he could confirm with the plans after the presentation.
- c. Q: Resident asked about the alleyway behind homes along Princeton Avenue with respect to ownership and maintenance.
A: The question was answered collectively by Mr. Frey, Ms. Barker, Mr. Lozner, and Mr. Bladford and included the following details:
 - The alleyway was accepted informally by CDOT at some time in the past but is not regularly maintained by CDOT.
 - The City has a process by which the resident can petition for abandonment and subdivision of the alleyway to the adjacent property owners. All must agree to the lines of subdivision. Subsequently, there may be a fee for a boundary survey of the properties and application, which would need to be paid by property owners.
 - There may be benefit in performing this activity after the project is complete so that the property owners can observe how the remaining channel is performing with the reduced drainage area.
- d. Q: Resident asked about the removal of the 12-inch steel pipe along Somerset Drive and its impact to vegetation and planter areas above it.
A: Ms. Barker answered that typically CDOT requires all abandoned pipes to be removed from the right-of-way but, due to the construction of this pipe and the aboveground impacts, it may be

preferable to abandon this pipe in place. Resident was in favor of this approach but was reminded that curb and gutter construction may adversely affect these same vegetation and planters next to the roadway.

Action/Notes:

- Send copies of the plans to Michael Campbell with Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation.