

# Clarksburg Ten-Mile Creek Sewer Study – Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

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Date: June 25, 2015

Place: Room A, Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 100,  
Germantown MD 20874

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Attendees: See Attached

Agenda: See Attached

Other Attachments: WSSC PowerPoint Presentation

## **Meeting Summary:**

- Ken Dixon of WSSC welcomed everyone for coming and went over the agenda for the evening.
- The “Ground Rules” for these CAC meeting were reviewed and clarified and are included in the attached PowerPoint presentation.
- Mr. Dixon asked if there were any additional comments on the April 30 meeting Summary.
  - Tenley Wurglitz noted that the last bullet in the meeting summary of the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting does not match her recollection of the proceedings. Specifically, the sentence “WSSC indicated that they did not see a need to consider such an alternative (*100% grinder pump*) as long as a centralized pumping station (s) alternative or “hybrid” alternative using centralized pumping and grinder pumps could be developed that would adequately minimize or eliminate impacts on the buffer areas”.
  - Ms. Wurglitz mentioned that as per her recollection WSSC would evaluate a 100% grinder pump alternative.
  - Mr. Dixon stated that if Ms. Wurglitz were to email her comments on the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting summary to him, they will included as an addendum to the meeting summary.
- Mr. Dixon provided an update regarding the Pulte property.
  - Following the last CAC meeting during which the alternatives presented excluded sewer service to Pulte property, the representatives met with WSSC to express their concerns and insisted that the Pulte property be a part of the current sewer study.
  - In the same meeting the representatives of the Pulte Property provided conceptual maps to WSSC depicting possible “development pods” within the property.
  - WSSC revised the alternatives to include Pulte property
  - The revised alternatives provide a conceptual idea of how the property could potentially be served in the future.
- Ms. Tenley enquired if a pressure sewer/forcemain can be utilized to cross the stream on Frederick Rd instead of a gravity sewer. Mr. Dixon responded that under Alternative 8, a

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force-main is used along Frederick Rd stream crossing to convey the wastewater to the deep gravity sewer.

- On questions regarding the schedule and timeline of the sewer study and its effect on the upcoming CIP budget, Mr. David Lake of MC County DEP noted the following:
  - When it's decided what infrastructure will go in to provide the sewer service to the study area, WSSC will determine the normal assessment to the owners.
  - Then a deficit charge shall be calculated and the county will discuss options to fund the deficit.
  - Regarding when the sewer infrastructure can be constructed, Mr. Lake noted that the financing of the system needs to be settled before any construction can take place.
  - In addition to this Mr. Lake noted that July 13<sup>th</sup> CIP work session is another avenue for the citizens to provide input and communicate their concerns.
- Mr. Dale Tibbitts from the office of the councilmember Elrich noted that citizens can also provide their comments regarding the CIP budget their office.
- Ms. Bette Buffington enquired if the alignment of the Observation drive finalized. Mr. Dixon responded that WSSC understands that the alignment is final as per the information provided by the developer.
- Mr. Dixon noted that the graphic shown in the presentation depicting "Orphaned Parcels" under Alternative 8 will be updated to provide clarity.
- Mr. Bob Egan enquired if WSSC, at this point had a preference for an alternative. Mr. Dixon responded that WSSC will make a recommendation after reviewing the findings of the DEP.
- Mr. Bob Egan enquired if DEP has an opinion on any of the alternatives. Mr. Lake responded that DEP is reviewing some alternatives and also waiting for additional information from WSSC, such as GIS shape files for Alternative 8. Mr. Lake stated that an official from the DEP's office will be available to discuss their findings in the next CAC meeting.
- Mr. Dixon noted that WSSC has submitted the sewer alternative plans (1-7) previously to DEP and waiting for their review to be completed. *(A comprehensive GIS shapefiles package including the new Alternative 8 was forwarded to MC DEP the following day on Friday, June 26, 2015)*
- Mr. Dixon stated that WSSC will review the feasibility of a 100% grinder pump alternative and provide the findings in the next CAC meeting.
- Various members of the CAC enquired if the sewer study could be bifurcated into an "East Study" and a "West Study" in order to expedite the process. Mr. Dixon stated that WSSC does not intend to bifurcate the study.
- In the interest of keeping the process moving forward, a majority of the CAC members agreed to meet through summer instead of taking a break.
- The next CAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 30, 2015.