

Lyn Anne Arbana Public Engagement – Zoom Meeting No. 2 Discussion Summary



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Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Attendees: **Public Present:** 17; see attached Attendee Report

City Staff Present: Kayla Coleman (Systems Planning), Brian Slizewski (Engineering)

Consultant Staff Present: Chris Elenbaas (Stantec), Mac Gills (Stantec), Robert Czachorski (OHM), Charlie Fleetham (Project Innovations)

Summary:

The second public meeting was held via Zoom Conferencing. A PowerPoint presentation providing updates from the detailed design process was presented to the attendees. Questions or comments from attendees were submitted both over the phone (live) or through the Zoom Q&A text feature (Q&A) and are shown in bold text below. Answers were provided either live or via the Q&A feature and are shown in regular text below. The meeting started at 6 p.m. and was completed at 7:24 p.m. The meeting presentation is available on the project website: www.a2gov.org/lynanne-arbanasewer.

Thanks for the updated information regarding impact to trees within the corridor. Are there plans to plant trees within the project area, especially on the edges/ridges of the ravine, to offset the trees that will be damaged/removed? (Q&A)

The project team is looking at planting trees in coordination with individual property owners; however, it will not be a complete offset to the trees being removed under the project. The sewer corridor must stay clear of large trees for future routine maintenance.

Can you tell us what the 'acceptable levels' of Dioxane is presently according to the EPA? (Q&A)

Current Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Cleanup Criteria for 1,4-Dioxane is 7.2 parts per billion (ppb) in drinking water.

Do we know which trees are most affected? (Q&A)

The presentation provides graphics of each major section showing specific trees to be removed. Most tree removal falls within two sections, the first between Arbana Drive and North Revena Boulevard and the second between Doty Avenue and Dexter Avenue.

When do you anticipate issuing proper good faith offers? (Q&A)

Easement specifics are not being discussed in this meeting. However, easement discussions are expected to start this fall with each owner.

What if site work goes beyond the temporary easement and causes damaged to homeowner property that is not anticipated? How would that be handled? What is a temporary easement? (Q&A)

A temporary easement provides the City and its Contractor legal access to use that portion of the property specifically for the construction of the sewer. Once construction is complete, the easement will no longer apply.

To prevent damage outside the temporary easement, one of the first things the Contractor will do is set up silt fence and orange protection fence along the limits of the easements. The fence will both keep pedestrians out of the work area and limit construction access to mitigate any potential for damage



outside the easement. If damage were to occur outside of the easement, each incident would be handled appropriately with the impacted property owner.

Where is the project starting? How long will it last? (Asked Live)

The project will start on the east end at Arbana Drive and construction will progress to the west. The work is scheduled to begin in spring 2021 and will last the entirety of the 2021 construction season.

Will the generators powering the bypass pumps run 24/7? (Asked Live)

Yes, the generators and equipment will run 24/7 during by-pass pumping. However, there will only be a few specific locations that will require a longer-term bypass pumping, and most connections will only last a few days or be completed the day-of. The largest bypass setup is expected to be near the Maple Ridge apartments, at the connection to the existing sewer line. The contractor will be required to use sound-attenuated equipment with limits to minimize noise pollution.

Has the project team committed to trenchless drilling in the section behind Dexter Avenue? (Asked Live)

Yes, the sewer will be constructed using trenchless drilling behind Dexter Avenue. If we encounter obstructions during construction, there may be minor excavation to uncover the obstruction and continue installation, however there will not be major tree clearing in that area.

Does trenchless construction affect the surface? (Asked Live)

No, trenchless construction does not require surface disturbance, unless there is an obstruction to dig up and remove. However, within the sections through the ravine, equipment will still need to pass through the trenchless construction areas to reach further sections of the sewer. In some instances, minor tree removals and surface disturbance may still be required to facilitate this access. In addition, the City will need future access to the sewer route following construction for maintenance, which may also result in disturbance over areas requiring trenchless construction.

Are there parallel easements flanking the sewer or have those been minimized? (Q&A)

There has been no reduction in permanent easements from those originally shown to the homeowners during easement meetings. The City is in the process of developing a final easement plan based on the updated design.

Does the tree removal for this project need to avoid the Indiana nesting season? (Q&A)

Yes, all proposed tree removal will occur at the start of the project in March 2021 to avoid impacts to the bat roosting season.

How do we know if we are one of the seven houses connected directly to the sewer being replaced? (Q&A)

The City will coordinate directly with those property owners that have direct connections to the sewer.



Will replacement trees be provided to property owners to replace trees identified for removal? (Asked Live)

The City's intent is to handle this issue with the individual property owners. If there is a specific opportunity to replace trees outside of the limits of the sewer corridor, the City is open to doing so.

Has Washtenaw County been contacted about possibly putting a catch basin between Westwood and Dexter to address the water pooling? (Asked Live)

The design team has not contacted the Water Resources Commission on this specific issue; however, we will be meeting with them to discuss the project and it is on our list to discuss with the county prior to wrapping up project design.

When will the revised maps for the final tree removal be provided to the homeowner? (Q&A)

The design team anticipates the next document provided to the homeowner will be the final easement document with the revised tree removal information. The documents are still being developed in coordination with the City's easement consultant and they are scheduled to be sent out this fall.

Will Arbana, Westwood, Doty be a complete closure, or will there be a lane open? (Q&A)

All three streets will be a complete closure without a lane open. Westwood and Doty will be closed at the same time. The team is working to minimize the duration of the duplicate closures.

Are there still two parallel easements, one for the construction of the sewer and one for the maintenance of the sewer? (Asked Live)

We are looking to potentially eliminate some of the temporary easements between Revena to Arbana, particularly on the north side of the sewer, as the design has been updated to include trenchless construction. There is a possibility that the additional temporary construction easements are not needed. As the design team prepares the final construction easements, they will be providing updated documentation with updates to the temporary easements. The permanent easements generally will remain similar to the preliminary design documents.

What are the proposed inverts in the ravine between Westwood and Doty? If the sewer is not deep, is there a chance that trenchless construction still impacts the trees? (Asked Live)

The sewer in that location is about 6-7 feet in depth. It is possible that tree health could be impacted by the trenchless construction and the plan is to institute a tree monitoring program to identify potential tree root damage during construction.

When will the recording will be available on the project webpage? (Q&A)

The recording will be posted within a week of the meeting.

Are you coordinating with any wildlife rehabilitators, as the project will destroy habitats of creatures other than bats? (Q&A)

As of now, there is no plan to institute wildlife rehabilitation as a part of this project.



Is there any capacity to expand trenchless installation between Revena and Wildwood? (Q&A)

The tree removal in the noted stretch is mostly to allow for equipment access to the ravine. The trees to be removed are primarily Norway Maples, an invasive species. It is our intent to minimize the impacts to the oak trees.

If our lawns are in the ravine, when do you anticipate restoration? (Q&A)

Restoration will begin as soon as construction traffic is no longer required to access the area. It should be noted that there may be areas of the project where the sewer has been installed but not restored, as that area is needed for access for construction traffic.

What is happening in the section between 1305 and 1307 Linwood where trenchless construction is not being used? (Q&A)

The sewer sections not included within the limits of the trenchless construction sections will be installed by open trench construction. These areas will be restored following the installation of the sewer.



Attendee Report

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