

## **THIRD STREET DAM AND ROADWAY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY MARCH 12, 2012 6:00 PM**

Present: Terry Rumsey, Linda Healy, Brett Lester, Mike Jordan, Robin Lasersohn, Michael Kinsley, Adam Kradel, Paul Robinson (Council), Brian Hall (Council)

### **General Business**

1. Meeting facilitated by Terry Rumsey
2. Brief introduction of those in attendance
3. Review and approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2012

### **Stakeholder Interviews**

Completed seven stakeholder interviews

Christine Howells - Park User/Educator

Stewart Rose - Park User

Dylan Atkins - Resident near project - Upper Providence

Ed Bailey - Resident near project - Media

Janet Ross - Resident upstream of project

Ed Filipkoski - Resident downstream of project

Ben Gallagher - Non-adjacent resident (Northern Area)

Members from Broomall's Lake Country Club were scheduled, but unable to attend. In spite of numerous outreach efforts, the Media Business Association did not identify members for stakeholder interviews. Discussion and agreement that additional interview time at a Monday evening CAC meeting is not possible due to full agendas and final report due date. Remaining stakeholder opinions will be gathered in writing (using the same interview tools) with follow-up telephone contact, if needed.

### **Review of March 5<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting**

Positive aspects included good turnout (estimated at 125+) with large percentage choosing to stay for small break out groups. Attendees were described as respectful, participative and wanting to be heard. Praise and appreciation for Brett's leadership including slide show, explanation of options and fielding of questions.

Areas of disappointment were audio broadcasting difficulties, the absence of a sign-in sheet to capture number of attendees more accurately, the absence of information on costs of various options and the potential for more detailed comments from circle discussions.

Data was collected through notes and comment cards and Adam Kradel continues to work on compiling those results. Original copies of note and comment cards will be provided to Council as part of final report. Borough council will be referred to DVD of evening's Question and Answer period.

### **Broomall's Lake Flood Control**

Discussion and agreement that responses to CAC request for clarification on the role of the lake in flood control indicated degrees of differences in opinion. Follow-up responses will not be requested by the CAC, but it is believed each expert (John Harrison, Robert Johnston and Laura Craig) were copied on e-mail responses.

Discussion and agreement that a hard copy of the e-mails, as well as relevant minutes from the Council's own December 15, 2011 meeting discussing reported flooding at the Hickory Hills Condo, will be included in final

report.

### **Friends of Third Street Dam**

Paul Indorf submitted a position paper on the Third Street project for review by the CAC. Discussion and agreement that the document would be included in the final report along with all other written contributions.

### **Mailed Survey Delivery and Responses**

Jeff Smith has reported that 280 survey responses have been received over a three day period. Adam Kradel indicated this is a return rate of over 10% (with the possibility of a final rate approaching 20%) and that the survey will yield solid information.

Discussion and much concern by the CAC regarding reports (and personal experience) of residents not having received a survey in spite of Media Postal Service report to Jeff Smith that all surveys had been distributed.

Discussion and agreement that additional survey forms should be made available to residents at the Borough office and that these surveys will be separately identified and will include respondents' names and addresses. Discussion and agreement to include data from surveys postmarked by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **CAC Final Findings**

Discussion and agreement that the CAC request more detailed information on the number of incidents requiring a response by emergency services, since Third Street was closed to traffic, in the area impacted by the project.

Discussion and agreement that CAC members will come to March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared to contribute arguments for and against each option using objective standards that would be acceptable to a "reasonable person". Arguments would be accompanied by facts and resource materials whenever possible and would be sorted into like categories. Consensus for inclusion in final report is preferred, but discussion and agreement by CAC members that a call for a vote may be used to move process along. It was discussed and agreed that a laptop and projector be utilized to facilitate this lengthy and dynamic conversation.

Discussion and agreement that the CAC will contribute a set of considerations members feel rise above the arguments for or against options, and that these considerations will require unanimous agreement among CAC members in order to be included in final report.

**On-site (Third Street) CAC Meeting**

**Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

**ACTION ITEM** Michael Jordan to contact another non-adjacent resident and Michael Kinsley will contact club members for stakeholder interviews.

**ACTION ITEM** Robin Lasersohn and Michael Kinsley will type notes from March 12<sup>th</sup> stakeholder

interviews which were also digitally recorded.

**ACTION ITEM** Brett Lester will follow up with Jeff Smith with copy to Eric Stein regarding MBA stakeholder interviews

**ACTION ITEM** Linda Healy will follow-up with Jeff Smith regarding Question and Answer segment of March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACTION ITEM** Brett Lester will request PDF of Laura Craig's presentation for inclusion in final report.

**ACTION ITEM** Linda Healy will forward e-mail draft regarding requests for additional survey forms and additional information from emergency responders to co-facilitators, Terry Rumsey and Brett Lester.

**ACTION ITEM** Brett Lester will follow up with Jeff Smith regarding need for projector at March 19<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting.

**ACTION ITEM** Brett Lester, Terry Rumsey and Linda Healy will work on outline for Final Report.

Next Regularly Scheduled CAC Meeting    Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>    6:00 PM  
Facilitator    Brett Lester