

Freemason Area Water and Sewer Project Open House Meeting Minutes

11/10/08 Downtown Norfolk Council Conference Room

Attendees: See attached attendee list.

Presentation Overview

- Andrew Northcutt (Management Analyst, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - FYI Emergency water/ sewer issues contact information
 - 823-1000 Utilities Emergency Response number
 - William Nater- 374-0128 Construction Inspector
 - Handout (See attachment)
 - Agenda
 - Meeting Minutes
- David Speer (Civil Engineer, Norfolk Department of Utilities)
 - Project Overview/Update
 - Map Overview
 - Areas that are shaded black the water and sewer construction is complete
 - Areas shaded yellow are currently under construction
 - Project Update
 - November 6 & 7th Contractors fulfilled the YMCA's request to have access to the 300 block of Bute Street due to equipment exchange.
 - Contractors took this opportunity to lay the water main down Yarmouth Street from the Bute Street intersection, to approximately 70 feet short of the Freemason/Yarmouth Intersection.
 - Finishing up at the intersection of Bute/ Yarmouth.
 - Temporary paving the intersection is next. This will allow traffic flow from the 200 block of Bute Street to turn onto Yarmouth Street
 - Construction on West York Street is underway.
 - Light Rail has requested the Norfolk Utilities water and sewer work completion date aim at mid December.
 - Weather permitting and progress continuing at current rate this is applicable; Light rail has requested Norfolk Utilities to do no 'restoration of pavement after construction, as they will be moving crews in simultaneously as we move out
 - Preparing to lay the water main down the 400 block of York Street.
 - Exploratory digging is currently taking place at the Botetourt/York Street Intersection.

- Paul Filion (Transportation Construction Project Manager)- Light Rail update
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 - Handout from presentation at Department of Development concerning Light Rail updates.
 - The Baylor demolition contract is aimed at being awarded this week

Discussion

- Question concerning how long construction would be taking place on the 300 block of Bute Street.
 - Construction will continue through the new year.
- Question asked if once Norfolk Utilities is complete with the water and sewer work on York Street, will it re-open now that Light Rail is coming in right after
 - Paul Filion said yes, there will be a lane open for thru traffic; however, on street parking will be eliminated
- Due to the loss of on street parking in conjunction with Norfolk Utilities water and sewer project; Norfolk Utilities is providing validated parking for the York Street Garage for those directly impacted.
- Question inquiring when the water and sewer work would begin on Freemason.
 - Freemason is the last scheduled street of construction work for Norfolk Utilities. Construction will not take place until sometime near summer 2009
- Machismo's owner Bill Caton is concerned with finding close parking for his customers.
 - Cathy Coleman stated for them to look into what accommodations were made for the Freemason Inn Bed and Breakfast.
 - John Sires mentioned Machismo's should speak with the Mark Poutasse in reference to parking accommodations as well.