

MEETING NOTES

MACON/PLEASANT HILL PROJECT

MASTER CONTRACT#: TOOELENV100523 · TASK ORDER#: 10 · PROJECT#: NHIM0-0016-01(092), BIBB

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Issue Date: 11/15/2012

Attendees: GDOT: Clinton Ford, OPD; Eric Duff, OES;

EnviroResolution (ER): Tommy Craig, Jeff Dickerson, Jenny Carter, Banks Craig

PHNIG: Peter Givens, Naomi Johnson, Della Henderson; Captain Willie May

Location: Dan High Crime Prevention Center, 2000 3rd Avenue, Macon, GA

Date: 11/15/2012

Purpose: Macon/Pleasant Hill – meeting with PHNIG representatives

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Discussion

Item 1: Update on progress since October 15, 2012 meeting

Action Item(s)

Tommy Craig provided an overview of project progress since the last meeting:

- Community meeting held October 18, 2012.
- Team working to address requests from previous PHNIG meeting and community meeting.
- Primary request at last PHNIG meeting was for a schedule to share with property owners.

Item 2: Review of scheduled for property owners

Action Item(s)

Tommy Craig informed group that schedules had been developed for Exchange Agreement-eligible property owners (owner-occupants) and other property owners based on the Uniform Act. Jenny Carter presented the Exchange Agreement schedule and the Uniform Act schedule.

Discussion of Exchange Agreement schedule:

- Peter Givens suggested that, due to the holidays, meetings with property owners be delayed until January. This would also allow time for Judge Randall to finish his efforts to develop a team of local attorneys to provide pro bono assistance.
 - Naomi Johnson agreed with this suggestion.
 - Della Henderson stated that she understood the reason for delaying the meetings; however, she wanted everyone to understand that this is a top priority for the homeowners.
 - There was general agreement to hold the property owner meetings beginning in January; there may be contact before January to schedule the meetings.
- Peter Givens asked what happens if owners who choose to proceed under the Uniform Act cannot find a replacement dwelling within 2 months of acquisition. Mr. Givens stressed that the property owners need detailed information so that they know how to protect themselves. Clinton Ford and Eric Duff will follow up with the Right-of-Way department on this issue.

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Item 3: Discussion of Community Outreach Measures

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Jeff Dickerson discussed the need to get the greater community engaged regarding the project. The greater community has a vested interest in the outcome, and it is time to reach out to the right organizations, churches, and community groups. There would be no new decisions made since the decisions have already been made; this would just provide an opportunity to communicate information.

- Peter Givens stated that the Mayor had a good outreach system in place. Mr. Givens suggested contacting the Mayor, and that the Mayor would introduce his public information officer. It would also be good to let the Mayor know that we had mended fences and were moving forward. There are also two Precinct Captains (Captain Woolford, Precinct 3 and Captain May, Precinct 2) with information about the project.
- Naomi Johnson suggested that specific information be provided in any releases. People need detailed information on the location of the project and project background. It is also important to keep it simple. Need to provide information and updates to get them excited about the project.
- Peter Givens discussed the Open House meetings that had been held in the past. Mr. Givens stated that these were good when there was new information to present. In future meetings need to make sure that information is provided, but there is not a rehashing of decisions that have already been made.

Naomi Johnson stated that the project will happen and needs to get going. Ms. Johnson expressed concern that they are already losing people in the neighborhood; she and others want to be around when the project is completed. There was discussion of the need to start hitting target dates.

- Peter Givens stated that it was understandable if exact dates were not met so long as progress was being made close to scheduled dates. Shoot for target dates and try your best to reach them. Mr. Givens stated the need to get started because often schedules tighten up once they are being executed.
- Tommy Craig stated that the schedule might help all parties, ER, GDOT, & PHNIG, maintain focus.

Item 4: Agenda for next meeting

Action Item(s)

The next meeting was tentatively set for January 17, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Peter Givens requested the following items be addressed:

- Russell Claxton. Mr. Givens stated that he did not understand the need to bring in another firm to do the design work that Russell Claxton has already done.
- Richard Penniman House
 - Tommy Craig informed the group that these negotiations were under way.
- Prequalifying contractors. Mr. Givens stated that he would like to see the construction money stay in the community. There are contractors, subcontractors and skilled individuals in the community. He would like to see contractors and subcontractors prequalified and a list of skilled individuals prepared.
 - Naomi Johnson suggested that additional advertising be used so that the community is made aware or opportunities to apply for work.

Eric Duff informed the group that he hoped the Vacant Lot Plan would be ready to present at the next

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meeting. Lord Aeck & Sargent would present the plan in detail.

- Peter Givens stated that he had passed on some lots to Mary Beth and was looking for others
 - Naomi Johnson asked if this was the appropriate time to develop a plan for use of the Masonic Lodge.
 - Clinton Ford stated that if the Masonic Lodge was moved to private property, it would have to be sold. It could be used as a community resource if it was moved to park property.
- Discussion followed of appropriate locations for the Masonic Lodge.