



RiverRenew Workgroup Meeting Notes

Meeting No. 8 / December 3, 2019

Meeting Attendees:

RiverRenew Workgroup	City of Alexandria	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Mayor Justin Wilson	Emily Baker	Bill Dickinson, AlexRenew Board
Councilwoman Amy Jackson	Lalit Sharma	Karen Pallansch
AlexRenew Board Chair John Hill	Mike Lee	Liliana Maldonado
		Caitlin Feehan
		Justin Carl
		Melissa Grigsby
		Megan Jurnak
		Amber Ahles

The meeting convened at 5:20 p.m.

The highlights of the presentation included:

- An overview of the shortlisted design-build teams and next steps of the procurement process.
- Updates on permitting and third-party coordination.
- Review of subterranean and temporary easements associated with the Tunnel System Project.
- A video detailing construction activity at AlexRenew’s Water Resource Recovery Facility.
- A status update on geotechnical and environmental exploration program.
- A summary of the RiverRenew Program capital costs as of October 2019.
- An overview of the planned community outreach campaigns through June 2020.

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the Workgroup and the answers provided by AlexRenew staff.

- **Mayor Wilson asked if easements in Hooffs Run were on empty land (i.e. land not occupied by gravesites in surrounding cemeteries).**
Mr. Carl confirmed that these easements were on unoccupied ground.
- **Chairman Hill asked how many total feet of easement would be needed to complete the 2.5-mile tunnel.**
Mr. Carl stated that the Waterfront Tunnel requires about 1,600 feet of subterranean easements. Only about 200 feet of easements are required from private property owners.
- **Councilwoman Jackson asked if soil is stable once borings are completed.**
Mr. Carl confirmed that the soil retains its stability during and after the boring process. Typically, boreholes are filled with grout following the completion of a boring.
- **Chairman Hill asked about the composition of the lead found in the Outfall 001 soils.**
Mr. Carl stated that the lead appears to be in solid form.



- ***Councilwoman Jackson asked what the cost would be for the additional precautions taken to dispose of the lead-contaminated soil at Outfall 001.***

Mr. Carl stated that the cost to dispose of contaminated soil would be approximately double the cost of non-contaminated soil disposal.

- ***Mayor Wilson questioned the need to conduct the geotechnical and environmental exploration program at this phase of the Project.***

Mr. Carl stated that the reasoning was twofold. First, in order to keep the Project on schedule, the exploration program had to be conducted in advance. Second, in underground projects, it is common for the owner to baseline the geotechnical and environmental conditions for the Project. This approach provides a basis for the design-builder to bid the job and shares risk between the owner and design-builder.

- ***Mayor Wilson asked why daycare institutions receive specialized outreach.***

Ms. Pallansch stated there are daycares near Outfalls 003 and 004 who regularly utilize African American Heritage Park. We anticipate these groups to see some construction impacts. The campaign is designed to educate the daycare staff about the Project and develop mitigation approaches to minimize impacts.

Other discussion points:

The Workgroup agreed to the recommendation for subsequent meetings to be held quarterly throughout 2020. Draft dates will be provided to the Workgroup.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.