



**Construction Advisory Group
Centreville Streetscape Improvement
Contract # 29-200-19 FAP# ERRRA-2009(27)**

MEETING MINUTES – February 15, 2010

Date: February 15, 2010
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Odd Fellows Hall [above Wild Thyme]
Centerville, Delaware 19807

Present:

Mr. Sean Finnigan, Aide to State Senator Michael S. Katz
Mr. William Tansey, New Castle Councilman, 3rd District
Ms. Mary Grace Novak, NCC Dept of Land Use
Mr. Harry Cooper, DeIDOT
Mr. Herbert Monsalud, DeIDOT
Ms. Brenda Reece, DeIDOT
Ms. Rita Ossiander, JMT
Mr. Scott Ramussen, JMT
Mr. Patt Cannon, Resident
Mr. Don McDonald, Resident
Ms. Gretchen Mercer, Centreville Civic Assoc.

Meeting called to order 1:30pm in the Odd Fellows Hall

Herb commented that they are in the 64th day or 21% of total time of the contract. Nine days of the 52 weather delay have been used to date. If weather delay pushed much farther back then the possibility of the final hot-mix topping could be delayed until next spring.

The delay over the unknown pipe has been resolved with the identification of an empty AT&T fiber optic duct.

Revision #1 from Snuff Mill Road to Gregg Ave. is ready, but on hold due to snow mounds. If weather permits the work in this section will resume on Friday Feb. 19. Test hole results will be sent to Rita.

There is a need for test borings south of Gregg Ave, but snow mounds are preventing work to be done.



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Question: if the project goes over the estimated time due to legitimate delays, who covers the added cost? Response: Harry commented that since this is a federally funded project, the costs would be covered.

Question: Driveway aprons - Would there be any cost change driveway aprons be made of concrete aggregate rather than blacktop? Follow-up Response: Driveway aprons – plans call for 6” concrete to be placed within driveway aprons adjacent to sidewalks. Area within the driveway behind the sidewalk and disturbed by the contractor during the construction of the apron will be replaced in-kind. If the CCA requests, we could look into the possibility of changing the design details to include an exposed aggregate finish on the 6” concrete apron areas.

Question: Bricks - All bricks to be used will be the same size and color for both the all brick walks and the edging. The cost of wire-cut bricks as opposed to baked bricks which are more appropriate to the historical setting is the point in question. If there is a change in cost of bricks then can this item be renegotiated to cover the cost difference? Response: Cost of bricks is based on square footage not individual bricks. If the bricks have not been ordered, then the contract must be notified of potential cost change. DelDOT has received a brick reference from the CCA which has since been passed along to the contractor. The difference with what was included on the plans as compared to what is proposed now is limited to the color. We have asked the contractor if this change will affect the unit price of the bricks. The department does not feel this will affect the unit price.

Question: Street lighting - The subject of street lights was raised, however with neither Jeff nor invited elected officials present, no specific answers were given to the questions. Street lights are not intended at the present moment. Don McDonald commented on the price for installing the conduit for the lights would cost \$23 per foot for boring in the future as opposed to \$6 per foot if installed when the trench is already open. The bid package did not include anything for lighting such as conduits or concrete base for the fixtures. The construction company can only do what is given to them; they do not engineer additions or changes in bid package plans. The lights could possibly be covered with a second contract however; the two contracts could not be worked simultaneously. Mary Grace suggested investigating a provision for a change order for an item omitted from the original plan as opposed to asking for a change to an existing design.



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Sean was asked to arrange a second meeting with the officials involved in decisions on this project. Parties invited to include policy makers, construction, engineers, and design experts to discuss and resolve these questions.

Question: Landscaping - After the one-year clause in the contract expires, who then is responsible for the maintenance of the planted areas DeIDOT or CCA? Suggestion was offered that the Civic Association develops an adoption plan similar Hockessin or Greenville to attend to the pruning, weed, feed, and water needs. Follow-up Response: Per an executed agreement between DeIDOT Roadside Environmental Section and CCA, the CCA will be responsible for all landscaping maintenance costs once all the warranty periods have expired. A copy of the executed agreement was sent to the CCA for record purposes.

Scott responded to questions regarding the use of native plants for the landscaping. The possibility of red chokeberry bushes were ruled out because of height of the mature bush. Pruning to maintain line-of-sight clearance would destroy the beauty.

Lane closing - Herb said that he will try to avoid lane closings but if it is absolutely necessary then flaggers will be on duty. With work being done on the south side of the pike, there is room for two lines of traffic but once the bump-outs are completed it will be difficult to keep two lanes open. Message boards stating “shoulder closed, flagger ahead” could be used at both ends of the town but at \$110 per day using them could be cost prohibitive. He will install alternate methods of communicating with drivers on a day to day operation.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Next regularly scheduled monthly CAG meeting will be March 8 at 1:30pm, Odd Fellows Hall.



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The monthly Centerville Streetscape Advisory Meetings will be held at 1:30 in the afternoon, on the second Monday of each month at the Odd Fellows Hall [above Wild Thyme] in Centreville.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 8th – at 1:30PM