



**Construction Advisory Group
Centreville Streetscape Improvement
Contract # 29-200-19 FAP# ERRRA-2009(27)
MEETING MINUTES – July 11, 2010**

Date: July 11, 2010
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Odd Fellows Hall [above Wild Thyme]
Centerville, Delaware 19807

Present:

Ms. Gretchen Mercer, Centreville Civic Assoc.
Ms. Pamela Witsil, Centreville Civic Assoc.
Ms. Pat Cannon, Resident
Mr. George D. Herrmann, Jr., Lumber Industries
Ms. Rita Ossiander, JMT
Mr. Jeff Niezgod, DelDOT
Mr. Harry Cooper, DelDOT
Mr. Herbert Monsalud, DelDOT
Ms. Brenda Reece, DelDOT
Mr. Robert King, DelDOT

The Meeting called to order 1:30pm in the Odd Fellows Hall. There were no opening comments.

Herb pointed out to the group that they are currently 211 calendar days into the scheduled 349 calendar day project or 61% completed.

Herb then pointed out to the group that sidewalk and curb is closed from Gregg Avenue to Center Avenue and will remain so until the detection domes are installed.

There was a question from the group expressing concern if the four-foot buffer would be sufficient for growth when the trees are planted. **RESPONSE:** Yes, there is no concern because; the space provided would be sufficient to support both the mature tree and its root structure for the species of trees which will be planted.

A follow up question point out if it might be better to plant the trees within the bulb-out. **RESPONSE:** This would not be advisable, as there would be no distance from the tree to the road and trucks would be knocking into and breaking the branch structure extending over the road. This would not only jeopardize the integrity of the tree, but make branch structure seem both lopsided and out of balance. In addition, it might also create a sight issue. Much discussion ensued, and the design team agreed to look into the matter further and will request the rules of required



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sightlines if the trees were to be placed within the bulb-outs and shrubbery along the borders.

There was a concern about the slope of Pat Cannon's driveway. The construction team will meet at the site following this meeting to inspect it to see if this presents a problem.

Next week the curbing and sidewalk will be started from Center Avenue to Owls Nest Road. The contractor is currently communicating this to the property owners.

It was brought to the group's attention that there has been a utility delay with a second one pending. This would delay the completion of the project until around May 2011. This is because of the pouring of the hot mix cannot be accomplished during the winter months.

There was a question raised about the disposition of the old used brick along the sidewalk which will be removed and replaced during the project. It was brought out that this was addressed during a previous meeting and that the old brick would become the responsibility of the contractor to dispose of, and individuals interested in obtaining some of them would have to address this to the contractor.

There was discussion about the status of Plan 6 Revision, which will be revised later this week. Plan revision will involve the last section of sidewalk near Snuff Mill Road by the slope will have a retaining wall about three-feet high with the slope of the backfill being in compliance with ADA safety requirements.

There was a request by a member of the group that no trees be planted by the bank building. The resident went on to say that with both the mid-block crosswalk and the bulb-out were of no use and he wished to have the existing crosswalk removed so that vehicles could park in that space. The DeIDOT design team pointed out that this issue had been researched in the past and it was the community itself that expressed interest in the midblock crossing. Much discussion ensued. There was a suggestion offered to install a stop light but DeIDOT had already surveyed this and the area did not meet the warrants for the installation of the stop light. More discussion ensued.



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Pat Cannon questioned as to when she would be receiving the revised plans which she has requested at the previous meeting. Jeff replied that they would be ready shortly and will be mailed to her. FOLLOW-UP: Bob mailed her a copy of the revised plans during the beginning of the week of July 19th.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. Next regularly scheduled monthly CAG meeting will be August 9th at 1:30pm, Odd Fellows Hall.

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, August 9th – at 1:30PM