



Coquina Cove Drainage Improvement Project
Informational Meeting – Meeting Notes

Attendees:

City of Boynton Beach:

Poonam Kalkat, City of Boynton Beach Utilities, Director
Josh McDermott, City of Boynton Beach Utilities, Deputy Director
Eduardo Garcia, P.E., City of Boynton Beach Utilities
Keith Weber, City of Boynton Beach, Chief Inspector

Coquina Cove Residents

see attached sign in sheet

Florida Public Utilities (FPU)

Andrew Weitz, FPU, Project Manager
Fernando Van Leeuwen, FPU
Julie McMahan, FPU

AECOM

Robert Eustice, AECOM
Karen Brandon, AECOM

The Merchant Strategy:

Sharon J. Merchant, TMS, Public Outreach Manager
Cheryl Carpenter Klimek, Public Outreach Specialist

Location: 100 East Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach, FL

Purpose: Discussion with Boynton Beach Utility staff and consultants

Date: June 24, 2025, 6:00 PM

Notes: Provided by TMS



Boynton Beach Utilities Director Poonam Kalkat kicked off the meeting at 6:10 PM by welcoming everyone, introducing her team from Boynton Beach and the teams from Florida Public Utilities and AECOM. The residents then introduced themselves.

Robert Eustice from AECOM began a slide presentation outlining the scope and timeline of the Coquina Cove utilities improvements project. He stated that the project would go out to bid in the following week, a contractor would be selected in October, and the work would likely begin in December.

The positive aspects of the project were highlighted, including:

- Addressing chronic flooding
- Replacing aging infrastructure
- Enhancing public safety
- Protecting property and environment and
- Providing long-term community benefits

Resident Chuck Walker addressed FPU regarding extending the gas line from 646 Ocean to the end of Ocean Drive.

Julie McMahon from FPU explained that the residents would be responsible for paying for the extension. The total cost was previously estimated at \$47,000 and would need to be updated. The cost per homeowner would depend on how many residents choose to participate. In addition, there would be a cost per homeowner to run a line from the main to their house at \$2,500 or \$3,500, depending on which side of the street their house is located. They would then need a gas plumber to have a meter and interior lines installed. There was some discussion on various credits for purchasing new appliances and other credits to reduce the overall cost compared to the cost of converting electric appliances.

A resident questioned whether there was enough room in the right of way for all utilities, as FPL has been considering burying the overhead power lines. In addition, AT&T, Comcast and FPU will all use the same right of way. It was stated that there is an additional 15-foot right of way in the residents' yards, but that there was adequate room in the existing right of way to accommodate all utilities.

Resident Joe Keith said that a utility steering plan is needed for FPL and FPU. He questioned access to driveways, ingress and egress while construction is underway, parking if there is no access to driveways and security of parking if off property.

Keith Webber explained that there should be no issues with mail delivery, police or fire access during construction. The contractor will have a means and methods outline, and preconstruction videos and photos will be taken. City inspectors will be onsite daily.

Residents were then directed to the back of the room where several site plan photo boards were displayed, and individual questions were addressed.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.