**City of Boynton Beach – Coquina Cove Project**

**Public Information Meeting 7/8/21 at 6:30 pm**

Attending on behalf of the City: Joe Paterniti, Angela Prymas, and Christopher Roschek

Attending on behalf of AECOM: Amy Eason and Robert Eustice

Attending on behalf of TMS: Sharon J. Merchant, Caylin Ficarra, Cheryl Scott

City Project Manager, Angela Prymas, opened the meeting by introducing herself and the project team. She discussed the reason and need for the project. Advised project would include stormwater improvements, grading and drainage, and possibly upsizing lines for fire protection. Angela then asked Amy Eason to present.

Amy introduced the design and public engagement team. She discussed the purpose of the project, the improvements that are being evaluated, and the need for easements in order to provide drainage relief. Amy then discussed the various stations and boards that were prepared and asked the residents to review the board, pinpoint places with issues, and if possible, note specific storms which caused flooding/standing water and locations. She also asked residents to visit Angela and Christopher to discuss easements and locate properties that are willing to offer easements. She asked attendees to note this information on both the boards and the comment cards. Amy also pointed out the topographical surveys which were available for review.

Amy advised on the location and size of current outfalls, and that they would need to be enlarged, ideally up to 24” possibly. She advised they need additional outfalls and would be looking for residents open to easements for placement of the outfalls. Looking to add three outfalls, specifically to Shore and Ocean. Amy directed residents to the Board which displayed the ideal areas for easements to put the additional outfalls and asked residents to review it after the presentation.

Amy mentioned the budget for this project is $1.5 Million and that the City is looking for alternative funding sources.

Amy opened the floor for questions:

* What are you starting first, design wise?
* Design phase will all be done at one time. Will share the design at the 60%
* What is the timeline?
* We have a second public meeting 8/31/21 at 6:30 to discuss the design at 60%
* Will the drainage be put on someone’s property?
* No, all improvements will all be in the Right of Way (ROW) or in easements
* Where would valley gutters be placed if used?
* Off the pavement, not in anyone’s actual yard. If swale work was needed, it would be just for water storage
* Any discussions with FPL or other utilities about upgrading them to underground at this time also?
* Dr. Whelihan advised she had reached out to FPL and they had advised they are not prepared to do that on their end but did suggest that for a $500,000.00 fee it could be done.
* If there is an existing outfall which needs to be enlarged, if resident does not want this, can it be forced on them?
* There would need to be an agreement
* If no one grants easements how does this get resolved?
* Would need to reevaluate and it would limit the drainage improvements that could be used to reduce the drainage issues.
* How long will this take?
* Once the design is done it will go to permitting and then construction. Construction is estimated to last one year
* Can you do a system in the middle of the road and drain? Can you use pumps?
* If needed, we will review that option. If pumps are used we would need room and easements.
* If we agree to an easement, what can we do and not do with that portion of our property?
* Angela confirmed easement negotiations would be done on a case by case basis but that permanent structures would not be allowable
* Couldn’t you just bore if it is in the budget?
* Easement would still be needed for boring

During the Question/Answer portion, the following was mentioned and/or noted by attendees:

Mr. Brewster at 830 Shore Drive had previously agreed to an easement but passed away. Probably want to get with his widow to see if she would still be open to an easement.

825 and 829 Ocean Inlet Drive would be perfect locations for easements.

Resident, Jonathan Keith, advised if we pinpoint lots which would be ideal for easements, he will try to get folks on board. He was concerned that if residents only have 7 feet on side and 5 feet is needed for easement, residents will not have use of their side yards which is where fencing, a/c units, etc. are placed.

Resident, Jonathan Keith, suggested City provides a hold harmless for each easement, to assure owner they can use the land where the easement is located. Angela again stated easement negotiations would be done on a case by case basis.

After the last question, Amy directed attendees to break out and review the plans and presentation boards.

Meeting concluded at 7:50 pm