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Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee Minutes 04/11/2005

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SYMMES NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SNAC)

MEETING of April 11, 2005; Town Hall Annex, 1st Floor Conference Room

SNAC MEMBERS PRESENT (alphabetical order): Sandi Bourgeois, Terry Dash (Chair), Greg Jackmauh, Paul Morrison.

OTHERS: Tom Murray, Jennifer Mann, Dino Levosi, Don Doherty

6:08 Call to Order

- We note that there is a recently available new version of the NPP that was generated by Tom Murray.
- Overall opinion of SNAC members present is that there are still issues with this current NPP, and that it is not something we can “sign-off” on yet. Note that this SNAC meeting is due to adjourn at 7:30 to go to an ARB meeting in order to present a status report on the NPP to the ARB.

6:17 Tom provides a review of the current NPP with his impressions.

- Tom notes that the current version now has the “Phasing Logistics Plans” included in the NPP.
- He notes there is a new Preliminary Phase for the MOB that involves abatement, cleaning and some repair.
- He notes that the noise analysis available via the consultant hired by Fish has made for a better NPP.
- He notes that things go from bad to better to best with respect to the noise of the various stages of the work.
- He notes the addition of the wheel-wash on site to help keep dust down; this is in addition to the rumble strips.
- He notes that Fish has agreed to place a wooden fence along several key portions of the perimeter, and added barriers to complete the enclosure of the site. He reviews the discontinuities in the wooden fence. He notes that where there is a wooden fence, there should be an 8-12 dB reduction in noise. This will provide some relief from noises of demolition, building, parking lot and trailer activity.
- The fence should be 6, 8 or 10 feet. The SNAC should request the 8 foot height for this wooden fence.
- He reviews the language in the NPP regarding the pre-construction survey.
- The Phase Plans are reviewed, and he notes that these have houses drawn in for added reference and a perspective on scale.
- He notes that these Phase Plans will be a formal attachment to the NPP.
- He notes that vibration monitors will be placed in 5 locations; noise, dust, vibration to be monitored. This can be seen in the Phase Plans.
- Acentech is the acoustical consultant that Fish hired to assess and monitor.
- McPhail Co has been hired for vibration and dust monitoring.
- He notes that road repair is a bit vague in the NPP.
- He shows his outline of Communications Plan (4-11-05) with the feature that there is a primary contact for Fish. He suggests that there be 1) a designated Town Representative as well as 2) a Primary On-Site Contact for the developer.
- There is nothing yet on what the complaint log book might look like, nor what a complaint form would look like.
- Tom is proud of the current NPP’s limits on Saturday work. He recalls for SNAC that Fish does have the legal right to work on Saturdays.
- Greg asks if masonry work or roofing could be added to the list on no-Saturday jobs – Tom says unlikely that these would be added.
- Tom notes that there was no commitment on the Police detail at the Hospital Road entrance. They will defer to the police to evaluate and assist when the situation warrants.

7:05 Truck route plan is reviewed.

7:22 Terry Dash asks where we go from here.

- Tom notes that there is more work that can be done on the complaint & resolution process. He notes that the NPP could “be done right” with a “designated Town Representative who is good.” as well as a competent prime contact for SRA/Suffolk.

7:29 Adjourn to the ARB meeting.