

Greater Englewood Neighborhood Association Member Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/11/08

Location: Cuba Hunter Park

The meeting opened by President, Jeanie Holler

Agenda:

1. Welcome & prayer
2. Announcements
3. Committee Reports
4. Putnam/Hudnall Drainage Improvement Speakers -
Tom McKnight - City Engineering, Duane Kent - City Program Manager for Drainage Bond projects, and Eric Fuller - Environmental Project Scientist for Ellis & Associates, an environmental, geotechnical & material testing company

A change in guest speakers was made for the meeting because of recent delays announced concerning the project. A hand-out was made available & a very "lively" discussion took place with citizens voicing concerns & asking many questions. Below is a brief summary of many of the discussions that took place:

Concerns were raised regarding the ditch on DeKalb filling with dirt & causing flooding. There is a lack of trust in the City holding contractors responsible for quality work. Several holes in the road need to be patched until the work is completed. Complaints were made regarding flooding on streets where handicapped people live.

Per Mr. Fuller - testing is in progress. About ½ of the testing is done; they expect to be finished "soon".

12 locations were already tested, 2 tested positive for contamination.

Soil stockpiles have been tested.

The northern portion of the property shows the contamination.

Adjacent properties should be "safe", they don't feel contamination has left the site. Right now contamination is seen approximately 4 feet down, so wells should not be impacted.

Rain is holding up more testing.

Questions were raised regarding drainage ditches in the area being contaminated. Mr. McKnight's reply - "The pond is a hole in the ground & the water can't go anywhere."

No PCB's have been found. They are not excavating the ditch around the pond site. One neighbor stated the old transformer on the site blew up & PCB's were found at that time.

Don Redman, City Council, was also present. He said the city would be doing additional testing because of this new information. Many folks mentioned they should be looking at the "bamboo area" for the additional contamination.

Mr. Fuller said they hope to have permits with DEP in the next couple of months. They hope to construct most of the pond on the southern side, while clean-up goes on the northern side. Hopefully this will keep the project on track.

How can we get a final report? They will email everyone. DEP test results are public record & will be made available.

The cost of the clean up is not coming out of the drainage project budget - it is funded separately.

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If you want to be on the email list, email TWATERS@COJ.NET, put "Putnam/Hudnall Drainage" in the subject line.

The pond is expected to be 6-8 feet deep which should not promote mosquitoes. We may be able to add fish.

5. Reminder - Litter Patrol will resume on 9/13 at the circle. See you at 9:00 AM!

Reminder: our website is up and running! Go to www.greatgena.com to see.