

Meeting Minutes

Project: Riverbend Storm Drainage Improvement Project (SDIP)

Subject: Public Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Location: Sharon Baptist Church (6411 Sharon Rd, Charlotte NC)

Amy Bice (COC)

Carl Schaefer (COC)

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David Meyer (COC)

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Storm Water Services held a drop in style public meeting to discuss the proposed improvements for the Riverbend Storm Drainage Improvement Project (SDIP) with the project area residents. The City shared an overall map of the proposed improvements and discussed the project in general. Discussion included:

The Riverbend SDIP involves installing new storm drainage from the outfall behind 3611 Ashton Drive up through the properties at 3611 Ashton Drive and 3833 Riverbend Rd to Ashton Drive. The proposed pipe improvement then runs from Ashton Drive to the intersection of Riverbend and Ashton. New proposed pipe improvements also run from the intersection of Ashton and Riverbend to the west up Riverbend Rd to the intersection with Whistlestop Rd and to the west up Riverbend Rd to the top of the Riverbend cul-de-sac in front of 3933 Riverbend Rd.

City Storm Water also discussed the next steps for the project and the associated estimated project schedule timeframes. The project will now be entering the real estate phase. An independent real estate agent hired by the City will contact residents if the City needs to obtain an easement on their property as part of the project. The real estate phase should take approximately six months. The project will then finalize the construction documents in the final design phase which lasts approximately four to six months. The project will then enter the bid phase which lasts approximately six months for selection of the contractor to begin construction thereafter.

The City also discussed the construction phase and noted that construction will occur from the downstream end of the system at the outfall behind 3611 Ashton Drive up to Ashton Drive first. Construction is currently estimated to be approximately two years in duration, but this duration may change as the design phase reaches completion. The City will have an inspector on site during construction to work with the selected contractor and to communicate with residents frequently.

The City will be sending out project specific mailers periodically with updates as the project progresses. Once the project nears construction, the name and contact information for the City inspector will be provided to the residents.

General Questions and Comments from Residents in Attendance:

- Generally, residents asked specific questions regarding the work near their houses and how the project would impact their properties.
- Several residents asked approximately how long the construction would take on their properties or how long the construction team would take to get to start working on their property once construction starts. Each resident was given a rough estimate but was also told that more detailed information on these types of estimates would be available once construction starts.
- Several residents asked about traffic control and driveway access during construction. The project team responded that traffic controls will be implemented during construction, and this could include full or partial road closure, and the project team will coordinate with residents to limit impacts to driveway access for residents. The City inspector will work with all residents to ensure that they have access to their driveways or a temporary parking area near their house if their driveway is part of the construction area.
- Residents said they appreciate the opportunity to tie in drains from the back of the house to the storm drain in various areas and the City team just asked residents to alert them if this was desired on their property as they speak with the real estate agents regarding the easements required for the project.

- Several residents asked about the existing pipe system in the front yards of 3916 Riverbend up through 3932 Riverbend and if that work was included in the project. This pipe system in the front yard is not part of the Riverbend project but is being studied right now for possible improvements as part of a second phase of the project.