

Q and A

Woodshire Drainage and Paving Improvements Subproject 2,

Virtual Public Meeting

Q: Will a video recording meeting be posted on YouTube or online for those who were unable to attend?

A: We will post the presentation and Q and A portion of the meeting for those who cannot attend the meeting

Q: Approximately how long will Linkwood take?

A: September to December 2020

Q: Could you post the link to the website?

A: <https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/engage>

Q: Work begins when?

A: August 3rd, 2020 is when the contractor will start work

Q: Are we given any options for the appearance of the driveway?

A: No, it will be city standard concrete. The citizens can work with the contractor to have that reinstalled at a later point. The design of the driveway will be city standard.

Q: How will mail be delivered?

A: We will notify the post office about the construction going on in the area. We will give them the contractor's number to contact them. It is up to them to delivery the mail.

Q: Do we mark our sprinklers?

A: We created door hangers for homeowners to call to schedule an appointment with the sprinkler contact to check the control panel and the necessary affairs. We suggest you take pictures to identify the condition of the sprinkler heads prior to construct.

Q: Will sidewalks be placed on Florshire?

A: Yes, Florshire will have sidewalks.

Q: I just heard our current streetlights will not be replaced and our current lights will be reinstalled?

A: No, they will be replaced with the same type of lights.

Q: I manage Stratford House Apartments on Linkwood Dr. in which we are scheduled for phase 7. How soon will we receive a notification?

A: We have door hangers I don't if they have received one but they should have received one. We will give them the required 48-hour notice.

Q: Can you address the staging area of the large trucks bringing supplies etc. and parking for your contract employees was a concern for some in sub project 1.

A: Normally we stage them on a street that is open to 2-way traffic. We will have flaggers to direct traffic. Employees will park on the side of the street. We urge them to park further then the construction to avoid traffic.

Q: Is phase 7 scheduled to begin winter 2021 or completed winter 2021?

A: The schedules to begin September 2020 to December 2021

Q: If a house wants exposed aggregate in front of their house can this happen?

A: We have 2 options if the city wants us to pave the right of way and the homeowner can hire a contractor or we can form the drive to city standard. We don't mind working around with the resident. (35min)

Q: Can you re-emphasize the importance of taking pictures of items / trees in the ROW and show sprinkler operating to show they work and location as this was a concern for some sub project 1.

A: Yes the more documentation the better it is. The advice to the resident is to take as many pictures as you can. If you could also take a video to show the sprinklers are on and working.

Q: How about delivery by other companies (FedEx, Whole Foods, etc.)?

A: We have been doing numerous neighborhood jobs. We work with the delivery vehicles the flaggers will know what to do. We urge the employees to help the residents and accommodate the residents as much as possible.

Q: How far from the curb is affect?

A: Everything up to the right a way will be affected.

Q: Where can we gather more information regarding the 29 tree replacement, this also was a concern for some during subproject 1.

A: What we can do is get a list of the trees and addresses of where they are located. We plan to have 43 trees removed. Some residents might not want the tree so we need to determine that before planting them so we can find other locations suitable.

Q: What about exposed aggregate sidewalk in front of house and pool area?

A: If it is going to be impacted we can try leave something there but typically we will replace it with standard city concrete.

Q: Will all of the 4" PVC through the curb drainage outlet pipes be replaced by the contractor when new curbs are installed?

A: We will install the drainage outlets.

Q: If we have plants in the ROW, will they be replaced with the same plants or new plants?

A: It is your (the residents) responsibility to remove it out of the way of the contractor because they will remove anything that is left there.

Q: Phase 2: "Fall 2020" does that mean you might start anytime from August to October?

A: Yes, there are several streets there might be some overlapping. We will be working simultaneously but not affecting the traffic.

Q: For security- how will we be able to identify workers during the project besides safety vests?

A: Our workers will have PPE on at all times. They will be wearing vests and hardhats with the SER logo on them. They city staff will also be wearing vests and hardhats with the City of Houston logo.

Q: We have approximately 32 signs in the alleys at THM. Can we request that signage be upgraded to include "towing enforced"?

A: You would have to petition the city of any further parking restrictions.

Q: Why are mature crepe myrtles that are being removed on Stonehouse not being replaced?

A: We don't know. The impact on the trees was coordinated with our tree specialists.

Q: So if there is a large plant planted into the ground in the ROW, the homeowner will have to remove it from the ground?

A: Yes, if it is in the way of construction. If it is not directly in the way of construction they can work that out with the contractor to see if they can avoid it.

Q: During subproject 1 there was a monthly project status update meeting, will this be the case for subproject 2?

A: Yes, we will have a monthly progress meeting the second Thursday of the month September 10th at 2pm it will be through Microsoft teams and we will send that invitation to you.

Q: What is the extra cost for exposed aggregate sidewalks that the HOA would incur the THM community?

A: The contractor has already decided to proceed with the regular concrete.

Q: There are several residents who live on courtyards with access to the alleyways only who are handicapped. How will they get access when the alleyways are getting reworked?

A: We are trying to put high strength concrete to expedite the process of having it opened up as soon as possible. We need to see the specifics of the alleyway and the access to the street.

Public Meeting Questions Submitted in Advanced

Q: Since many are working from home is there a plan to reduce the length of time homes will be without water?

A: The Contractor will make every effort to complete the work quickly during scheduled water shut downs and the residents will be notified 48 hours in advance of those scheduled shut downs.

Q: Our trash is collected by a private vendor (not COH) behind each home in the alley. When the alley is closed how will we receive trash service?

A: The residents or Townhouse Manor HOA should contact the private vendor and inquire about alternative locations to put their trashcan such as in the street ROW, if the alley is closed due to construction.

Q: Can AT&T and Comcast work with the contractor to clean up and streamline connections to individual homes? Cables and connections are unsightly and there seems to be no method/plan when running cables to each home. One example and there are probably more: 9414 Bassoon has an AT&T connection that runs under the alley to his home

A: Coordination with private utilities such as AT&T and Comcast have been completed and any private utility relocation required has to be done by that entity prior to construction. The contractor will not relocate any private utility during construction.

Q: Will our current streetlights be reinstalled or replaced. If replaced, will we have options to choose from for the style and height?

A: The streetlights will be replaced with the same streetlights as currently existing per the agreement with CenterPoint Energy.

Q: A few homes have handicapped residents and they transport loved ones in a van. Will handicapped street parking be assigned if requested?

A: The resident will need to petition the City regarding parking restrictions. Please contact Denise Weatherspoon with Transportation and Drainage Operations at 832-395-3032 for more information.

Q: Will they work on the street by my home and my alley at the same time?

A: No. The construction is phased so that the streets and alleys are constructed at different times to allow for alternative parking when one or the other is under construction.

Q: Can residents who face a city street request assigned parking in front of their home for their cars only

A: The City does not provide assigned parking in the public street ROW.

Q: Can residents facing courtyards (no street to park on) be assigned street parking when their alley is blocked

A: The City does not provide assigned parking in the public street ROW.

Q: When the new storm drains are being installed will the "old" storm drain system remain intact? If not we will flood during a prolonged rain event.

A: The existing storm sewers will not be removed until the new storm sewers are installed and in place for proper drainage.

Q: Will all of the 4" through the curb drainage outlet pipes be replaced by the contractor when new curbs are installed

A: Yes, the curb drains will be reinstalled after the new curb is placed.

Q: Currently no parking is allowed in our alleys. Can we install new signs "no parking in the alley" to include some indication that towing will be enforced. Current signs only indicate no parking in alley

A: The existing signs will be replaced with the same new signs. The HOA will need to petition the City regarding further parking restrictions.

Q: During construction if the City identifies additional "dangerous curves" in our community will they initiate installation of "no parking to corner" signs or will we have to request

A: The design of the streets within the neighborhood does not allow for curves that do not meet City standards. All curves are designed to meet City standards. During construction at/near curves, the contractor will have flagmen to control traffic.

Q: What is planned on the sidewalk situation between Mischire Dr. and Breakwood on Lakeland? I would prefer not to have a sidewalk on the eastside of Lakeland on 4501 Mischire.

A: There is no sidewalk planned for the east side of Lakeland from Mischire Dr. to Breakwood Dr.

Q: What should I do about my central lawn sprinkler system? Should I mark it, if so, how?

A: We recommend that you take pictures of the sprinkler heads in the "on" position and be sure the pictures clearly show how many and the location of the sprinklers/heads that you have in the right of way area near the street/curb. The construction company will make the effort to cap off your sprinklers in the right of way that will be disturbed with the intent to keep your sprinklers working in the rest of the yard. The pictures should resolve any questions when it comes time for the construction company to repair them. It is entirely possible your system or at least certain zones may stop working once your yard is dug up as wires do occasionally get clipped. Be sure

to have a garden hose and traditional sprinklers ready to use during this period.

Q: Would my private outside light pole stay as it is on 4051 Mischire Dr.? Would very much keep as it is if possible.

A: Yes, the private light pole is not planned to be removed. Contractor will make every effort not to disturb or damage the light pole.

Q: Our main concern is the image, aesthetic appeal, history, and the overall original urban architecture that separates Townhouse Manor (THM) from other surrounding communities. We want to make sure that the City of Houston will be not only be improving our drainage (flood control) but also NOT be taking away from our unique history, charm, and high-end quality of exposed polished aggregate sidewalks, aggregate streets, and electric "gas" lantern street lights. Many of our residents have steps and entry ways that were specifically installed to match the current/original exposed polished aggregate sidewalks that currently adorn the entire townhouse manor community. These polished aggregate sidewalks, aggregate streets, and electric "gas" street lanterns were originally installed by the City of Houston and we as a community expect them to be replaced with same or similar infrastructure to what is currently installed without compromise. They are a focal point and part of the unique history and charm of our unique community and we love this distinction from other "ordinary" urban neighborhoods.

We are sure that a majority of the community agrees that the sidewalks, streets, and street lanterns should be replaced with the same existing exposed polished aggregate sidewalks, aggregate streets (not generic plain cement), and with the

same "New Orleans" style "gas" electric lanterns that are already in place. They (our home-owners) need to be informed of what is going to happen and what can be done to keep our beautiful community the way it is. If the sidewalks, streets, and street lanterns are not the same or similar as to the currently installed, this would be a downgrade to our community and would not be accepted by most if not all of our residence. We feel that most of the community would agree and this would not only deteriorate the history and charm of THM, but ultimately the property values of all homes located in THM. The sidewalks, streets, and street-lamps need to stay the same as they are and (if needed) should be replaced with identical or similar sidewalks, streets, and street lighting to conform to our unique historical community in which it has always had and tends to keep.

A: The City understands that residents are proud of their community and make every effort to accommodate and keep the existing "feel" of the neighborhood while bringing the streets, sidewalks, and utilities to current City standards. The City had coordinated with the THM and provided solutions to meet the needs of the community. The streetlights will be replaced with new similar lights. The streets will be new concrete streets. The sidewalks will be replaced with City standard sidewalks. The polished aggregate sidewalks were an option if the HOA was willing to pay for the additional cost. Also, polished aggregate are avoided at the ADA ramps, as they are not slip resistant. For those reasons, the THM chose to replace with the standard City of Houston concrete sidewalk surface.

