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Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Project: Lower Oak Park and Highland Park Sewer Separation

To: Gene Schmitt, City of Des Moines

From: Chris Cain

Subject: 10/27/15 – Second Public Open House - Comments

The comments received from the public at the open house have been compiled and are shown below for your reference:

Jeff Hanna from Fish Factory (515-528-9911) noted street flooding on west side of 2nd Street between Euclid and Douglas, and suggested that the new storm line in 2nd Street be extended north past Euclid to address this issue.

Paul Sadler at 740 Cherokee Avenue expressed concern about access to his property during construction. His home backs to Union Park on the north. His access is off of Jefferson. There are no garages accessed off of Cherokee. He would also like to know the timelines for construction as soon as they are established (pvsadler@gmail.com). **Project Team will communicate to V&K because they may be able to do something about this as part of the East Side Sewer Project.**

Corning is in bad shape between 6th and 7th. There are abandoned rails crossing Corning in this area that have been unsuccessfully paved over several times and need to be removed. The NW corner of 6th and Corning has limited turning radius for semi truck traffic; Iowa Roofing owns the property and might be willing to sell some right of way to do so. Both Chuck Gassman/Bell Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning and Glen Riesenbergs own property south of Corning in this area. **Chuck asked that we send him a link to the project website (chuck@bellbrothers.com).**

Someone asked whether there would be any assessments associated with the Project. **Should include a response as a FAQ on the website.**

Dennis O'Brien at 3211 Oxford (515-664-0580 or 515 771 1450) shared that he needs to replace a sewer lateral with his neighbor. He can afford, but his neighbor can't. How does he deal with replacing a shared lateral? **Need to have some further discussion during design about how private improvements would need to be coordinated privately with selected contractor. i.e.-sewer work, driveways, walks**

1222 Clinton experiences surface ponding which seeps into basement through cracks in basement wall. They have redirected roof drains away from foundation. Ponding may be backwater from drainage ditch through the area. **Probably nothing can be done about it unless we are doing something in the immediate vicinity.**

John Tenikat shared a great deal of information / history of the area. A couple of potentially relevant things.

- Dillard Battery factory may have contaminated the area north of Corning and east of Riverview Park.
- There is a free concert at Boston and 6th every June and July sponsored by Parks Fair Committee. Need to coordinate construction scheduling accordingly.
- Alleys between 3rd, 4th and 5th north of Boston are steep and washout onto Boston frequently.
- There is a need for a more truck friendly corner at New York and 2nd Street; particularly the NW corner.
- There may be old trolley tracks encountered – several lines ran through the neighborhood on 2nd, 6th, Euclid and 12th.
- He had a strong interest in water quality at both the Riverview Park and Birdland lagoons.

Bill Hickok (515-577-3786) noted a problem at Cherokee and Penn which is the NW corner of the Community of Christ church property. Street has been overlayed so many times that it is actually higher than the sidewalk. Water builds up on sidewalk causing ice problems in winter and sediment problems in spring and summer. ***Project Team will communicate to V&K because they may be able to do something about this as part of the East Side Sewer Project.***

Bill also had a couple of suggestions.

- Put a powerpoint on the website ahead of the next open house and/or have a powerpoint presentation on loop as part of next workshop. He would like more information conveyed beyond just being available to respond to questions.

He suggested that the City let residents know about the City's private I/I disconnect problem as part of the next workshop as well.

House located at 8th and Lake has had occasional backups in the sewer line and there are street flooding issues in the intersection during moderate rains.

A resident expressed concerns over the flood evacuation routes. This will need to be reviewed during design as part of the staging and traffic control in order to maintain these routes or provide alternatives.

Eagle Iron Works uses Oxford and Holcomb to bring their trucks in. Will need to review access issues.

Pipe at Oak Park and 14th Street currently shown going to the west and tying into an existing line. Suggestion was made to look at taking this pipe to the south instead. This is a shorter distance, but would add another outfall for the City to maintain.