

## **HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 2018

*The following notes are the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) summary of the meeting and are not designed to be an exact representation of proceedings. The responses to questions posed during the meeting included in this document may be abbreviated and not constitute the full and appropriate responses for individuals' situations. Community Advisory Board (CAB) members and the public should contact the appropriate agency for complete and personalized answers to their questions.*

### **Opening of the CAB Meeting, 6:00 pm**

CAB Chair Pastor Adam Carrington opened the meeting and welcomed the CAB, partner agencies, and the public. Christopher Amy, TxDOT went over the purpose of the CAB and the ground rules, encouraging everyone to be respectful during meetings.

### **Del Richardson & Associates (DRA) Update**

- DRA reported on progress on the Voluntary Acquisition and Relocation Program (VARP).
  - 161 parcels have been acquired.
  - 336 property owners have expressed an interest in selling.
  - 275 property owners met the eligibility requirements.
  - 239 offers have been made.
  - Need to close on a little under 60 parcels.
  - A total of 83 property owners have relocated.
  - Issued 99 relocation letters to tenants of which 76 have relocated. The rest are in the process of searching for replacement homes.
- Christopher Amy, TxDOT asked how many tenants had received relocation assistance. DRA responded that seven tenants have purchased homes and an additional three have scheduled loans. These are first-time homeowners.
- Christopher Amy asked where people were moving to in general. DRA responded people are moving all over Corpus Christi – there is not one specific area.
- A CAB member questioned a DRA report from May that showed different program numbers. DRA explained that the numbers change from month to month. Average is 10 to 15 properties a month that shift the numbers.
- A CAB member asked if DRA was still finding homes. DRA responded yes, there are currently many homes on the market. DRA encouraged VARP participants to reiterate they have a cash offer to increase their competitiveness.
- A CAB member asked what happens to the program funds that are not used. TxDOT replied that the program was initially funded with a \$20 million contribution from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (the Port). Federal dollars backfilled gaps. The program is exceeding the allotted funds and they are having to backfill.
- A CAB member asked if the funds go to contractors. DRA responded it includes program participant purchase of properties, relocation benefits, appraisals, title reports. It also pays

DRA staff salaries. The CAB was reminded the \$20 million is the Port's contribution, and not the entire VARP budget.

- Public comment: A member of the public stated that lots are not being maintained. The Port said they have a dedicated crew that maintains the lots, but they had not been out lately due to heavy rains. The Port will mark which lots are owned by them. Someone suggested marking the sidewalks.
- The CAB Chair asked if any of the program participants had acquired a new construction home. DRA stated there had been one or two participants that had bought newly-built homes. One property owner was looking into building a new dwelling.
- A CAB member asked when maintenance of homes and lots starts. The Port stated as soon as the property is acquired, and within two weeks of demolition.
- A CAB member asked if the Port was giving mowing business to small and disadvantaged business enterprises (SBE/DBE). The Port said they would take that into consideration. The Port stated both Requests for Proposals will contain the same recommendation for SBE/DBE minority-owned business participation. DRA pointed out they have been using SBEs.
- A CAB member asked if houses were being refurbished and pointed out that there should be governing factors that don't allow people to live in "80-year old houses that could have asbestos contamination". DRA responded that is one of the reasons they do not use foreclosures, since many times they need work. They utilize what's on the market. Christopher Amy pointed out the dwelling must be decent, safe, and sanitary. They cannot dictate where people move.
- Public comment: A member of the public asked how many families are renters vs. homeowners and if there were relocation services for renters? DRA responded there are 83 homeowners and 76 renters and that yes, renters receive relocation benefits.

### **Port of Corpus Christi Authority (the Port) Update**

- The Port of Corpus Christi provided an update on the status of demolitions. Sarah Garza, director of environmental planning at the Port, stated they were in the process of letting several contracts for demolition. There will be five interim companies to continue to make progress on demolition until the board September approval of new contracts. Work would include clearing utilities, asbestos abatement, and waste disposal. They are working on the best way to sort out the contracts. With asbestos, you need to have an independent contractor doing abatement, and you need a work plan. They are working on figuring out whether abatement would be handled better through environmental oversight. Multiple companies will be in a program management role through abatement, then demolition contractors will conduct demolitions.
- A CAB member asked for the breakdown of the \$20 million for the VARP that has been spent to date.
- A CAB members asked if someone could buy a house for \$44,000 stating that is what the available amount of funds would be when you divide the \$20 million by the people in the neighborhood. The Port stated the average cost was \$77,000-\$80,000 for relocation. They reminded the group the \$20 million is the Port's cap, but not the entire program amount.
- A CAB member stated someone needs to oversee the demolition work and noted that it was currently not being conducted properly, causing dust contamination near his home. He

stated he thought this is how the contractor was getting away with the improper demolition and asbestos contamination - due to the fact no one was monitoring the work.

- The CAB requested water trucks be present at every demolition job.
- Public comment: A member of the audience asked who will maintain the properties after next year. The Port replied it would be their responsibility. The audience member stated that currently, even with the Port and the CAB being involved, the neighborhood still had problems with properties not being maintained properly. Sam Esquivel, with the Port, asked that people call him directly to inform him of any issues.
- A CAB member asked what plans the Port has for the properties it has acquired. The Port responded they do not have plans for the properties. The CAB member contended the area is being rezoned to light industrial and would like to know if the Port's plans would increase the value of his property since this would be something he would base his decision to sell or not on. The Port again declared it has no plans for the properties.
- A CAB member asked why the Port does not follow City ordinance regarding tree removal when they are demolishing properties.

### **Flatiron Dragados, LLC (FDLLC) Update**

- FDLLC gave an update on construction activities and closures.
  - Construction, specifically column work, is taking place in the North Beach area.
  - On the south side crews are working in the salt flat area.
  - Robstown precast yard is storing up to 500 bridge segments. Eight molds are being used. Six of eight were commissioned. There will be a total of 2600 segments. Gantry crane will be erected in September and the segments will then be transported.
  - 40 drill shafts have been completed on the cable stay bridge.
  - Construction is taking place on the SH 286 interchange.
  - Completed demo of Port Avenue bridge.
  - Completed demo of Nueces Bay Boulevard bridge.
  - I-37 traffic switch was completed.
  - Winnebago Street will not close until construction at Lake Street is complete (about two to three months).
- A CAB member requested police to conduct traffic control after Hooks games.
- A CAB member asked if FDLLC has job listings by area. Lorette Williams, FDLLC, responded she was not sure if the job listings would be by area.
- A CAB member asked what happens if drivers have wrecks in work zones? Lorette responded people can report a claim if a wreck happens in the project work zone. A CAB member asked for statistics regarding accidents on I-37 within the construction area.
- A CAB member requested a model showing traffic and the bridge visualization. TxDOT reminded the CAB that FDLLC had an open house prior to a CAB meeting where a video animation of the project and traffic flow was shown. FDLLC said they can produce a rendering of the project from different views. FIGG has also shown the group where the stopping points would be, and access points from the parks to the bridge. FDLLC offered to keep showing the traffic model with detailed view of traffic movements. Lorette reminded the group the 4D animation of the project is on [harborbridgeproject.com](http://harborbridgeproject.com). It shows the interchange, loop ramps, and more.

- A CAB member pointed out that the grasses in the neighborhood on demolished properties have grown tall and the demolition contractor should be careful when working out there with heavy equipment. Be careful and check for people. This will be discussed at the contractor's safety meeting.
- A CAB member stated that a lot of the land is contaminated. Lorette stated Blanton & Associates have been doing a lot of environmental testing and nothing has come out that is stopping the project.
- A CAB member noted that there are potholes in the area of Port that need to be checked and standing water on Martin Luther King Drive. Lorette said she would take the information back to the contractor so they can address it. The contractor will confirm construction schedule for MLK Drive until April of 2019.
- A CAB member asked if work had started in the salt flats area where there has been flooding and Lorette confirmed that work had started there.
- Public comment: A member of the public stated water had come in to the neighborhood after rains, saying there is no drainage and flooding was "like a river". Stated flooding is a concern for the neighborhood. Lorette noted there is construction on MLK through April 2019. The contractor has noted the flooding after the rains and put processes in place to address it.
- Public comment: A member of the public requested flashing signs alerting people to construction and closures because not everyone has a computer and can receive email or go on websites. They also suggested showing the information on the news. He said he had not seen anything about construction on the news. Lorette stated they do have Facebook and Twitter and the project website posts all the closures. She also let the audience know they can subscribe to emails. She stated they send out the news release to media and they choose whether to cover it or not.
- Public comment: A member of the public stated the fire department was not notified about closures. Lorette responded that all the emergency responders receive the notices.
- A CAB member asked why the Port and Nueces bridges were demolished during the day and commented it seemed it took a long time for the demolition to take place, citing a week. Lorette stated due to the traffic switch no one was using I-37 so that allowed the contractor to do demolitions during the day. It took four days for both demolitions.
- A CAB member asked if it's costly or difficult to deliver flyers with closures to people in the neighborhood. Lorette stated it's a challenge because the neighborhood is ever changing and information can change as well. If construction is taking place next to a home, crews will knock on door and notify the resident. FDLLC relies on TV, social media, and the website. A CAB member said they wanted flyers handed out to people in the neighborhood. Lorette stated they will deliver flyers to community hubs, such as the Oveal Williams Senior Center or churches. She asked the group to provide suggestions for where to leave flyers. The list developed at the meeting includes:
  - Oveal Williams Senior Center
  - Solomon Coles High School
  - HEB
  - Dollar General
  - Churches (Brooks Worship Center, St. Matthew Baptist Church, St. John Baptist Church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Unity Chapel Funeral Home)
- A CAB member asked how far in advance they give info to the media. Lorette stated that if the closure lasts longer than 24 hours they get the details to the media a week in advance.

- A CAB member asked why they could not get a three-month lookahead at construction closures. Lorette responded they do quarterly traffic updates during open houses at the CAB meetings. The CAB Chair stated he would work with FDLLC to draw something up and see if it's what the CAB is looking for.
- The CAB requested help with the "back to school" drive.

### **Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Update**

- CAB Chair Pastor Carrington gave a summary of the park questionnaire results.
  - HJ Williams Park. It was suggested to add a bathroom.
  - TC Ayers Park. The question is whether to shut down the swimming pool and replace with either a pavilion or splash pad. The Chair noted time was running out to make a decision on this.
  - Washington Park. The question is whether the school should be demolished by the city so mitigation money does not have to be used. The group must decide how to preserve history in Washington Park.
  - The CAB Chair asked what else the community would like to see in TC Ayers and Washington Parks.
- A CAB member asked who is going to maintain the parks. Jay Ellington, director of the City of Corpus Christi Parks Department stated the City would maintain the parks.
- A CAB member asked where the park plans could be found. TxDOT noted copies of the park conceptual plans had been shared with the CAB on multiple occasions at the CAB meetings and the Livability Plan Subcommittee Meetings and stated they would make copies available to him.
- A CAB member stated it would be nice if the side of Washington Park where the bus station used to be could be made into a handicapped park.
- A CAB member proposed that at the next CAB meeting there be a bus ride to evaluate conditions of Hillcrest to see if progress has been made. TxDOT will evaluate if that is feasible.
- The CAB Chair informed the group a subcommittee meeting for the parks would be held on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Brooks Worship Center, located at 2101 North Port Avenue. An email would be sent to the group.
- TxDOT announced that the next CAB meeting would be on September 6.

### **Adjournment of the Meeting**

- The CAB Chair and TxDOT adjourned the meeting.



## Save the Date!

**What:** Harbor Bridge  
Community Advisory Board (CAB)  
Meeting

**When:** Thursday, July 12, 2018  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.*

**Where:** Oveal Williams Senior Center  
1414 Martin Luther King Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401



**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
Housing Authority



## ¡Guarde la Fecha!

**Qué:** Reunión del Comité de Consejo  
Comunitario para Harbor Bridge

**Cuándo:** jueves, 12 de julio del 2018  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
*Las puertas abren a las 5:30 p.m.*

**Dónde:** Oveal Williams Senior Center  
1414 Martin Luther King Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78401



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## Harbor Bridge Community Advisory Board Sign-In Sheet

Thursday, July 12, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Oveal Williams Senior Center

1414 Martin Luther King Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Present	Title	First Name	Last Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone	Email
	Ms.	Norma	Alvarez						
	Mr.	Jimmy	Arceneaux						
	Ms.	Shelena	Arceneaux						
	Ms.	April	Bassett						
	Ms.	Ruby	Berry						
	Mr.	Alfred	Bradley						
	Ms.	Alice	Bussey						
	Mr.	Will	Bussey						
	Ms.	Juanita	Cadena						
	Ms.	Suzie	Canales						
✓	Pastor	Adam	Carrington						
✓	Ms.	Gwendolyn	Coleman						
✓	Ms.	Rose	Cornelius Crawford						
✓	Mr.	Chris	Dundas						
✓	Ms.	Dorothy	Dundas						
	Ms.	Nancy	Foley						
	Ms.	Loretta	Graham						
	Mr.	Sylvester	Hardeman						
	Mr.	Fred	Hobbs						
	Dr.	Geraldine	Johnson						
	Ms.	Barbara	Major						
	Ms.	Gwen	McChester						
	Ms.	Mae Ruth	Milligan						
	Ms.	Jerrilyn	Moore						
	Ms.	Jasmine	Mosley						
	Ms.	Janie	Mumphord						
	Mr.	Joel	Mumphord						
✓	Mr.	Ron	Navarro						
	Ms.	Rosie Ann	Porter						
	Ms.	Veronica	Ramirez						
	Ms.	Vivi	Ramirez						
	Mr.	Charles	Richardson						
✓	Ms.	JoAnn	Sanford-Hayes						
✓	Mr.	Donald	Shelton						
	Mr.	Joseph	Taylor						
✓	Mr.	Lamont	Taylor						
	Mr.	Lex	Uhlenhaker						
✓	Mr.	Floyd	Williams						
✓	Mr.	Henry	Williams						
	Mr.	Wendell	Williams						
	Ms.	Lena	Wilson						
	Mr.	Barry	Wolfson						
	Mr.	Noel	Youngblood						



**Harbor Bridge Community Advisory Board Meeting #20**

Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Oveal Williams Senior Center  
1414 Martin Luther King Drive

## GENERAL PUBLIC SIGN-IN SHEET

<b>Name (Please print)</b> Nombre (Use letra de bloque)	<b>Address</b> Dirección	<b>Phone</b> Teléfono	<b>Email</b> Correo Electrónico	<b>Affiliation</b> (homeowner, tenant, property owner, media, etc.) Afiliación (propietario, inquilino, dueño, prensa, etc.)
Amauro Calderon				
Tanner Shelton				
JASON HAIN				
ERIC HOLGUIN				
Carr Casas				
Floyd D Williams				





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M. Little				
Daniel Feng				
Bonnie Zamora				





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Oveal Williams Senior Center  
1414 Martin Luther King Drive

### STAFF SIGN-IN SHEET

Name	Organization
SUMMER LAWTON	HNTB
BRAD PEEL	HNTB
Carol Luschen	TC DOT.
Bobby HARRAID	TX DOT
Pilar Gonzales	City of Corpus HCD
Christopher Amy	you know
Al Alonzi	FTW&A
R DAILEY	TX DOT
Liz Nomis	ATKINS
MIRE GALLOWSAY	TXDOT
Shay Schlenzeyen	Burns + McDonnell
Tom Niskala	CITY
Dan McGinn	City of CC
Deborah Sherrill	Corpus Christi Housing Authority
Kick Rios	DOT
JOHN BECKER	HNTB
MARIA Arrington	FTW&A
DIOVISIO Marquez	DR&A Inc.
Sam Ryan	PCCO



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# STAFF SIGN-IN SHEET



# CORPUS CHRISTI Housing Authority



## Community Advisory Board Meeting #20 Agenda

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, July 12, 2018
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Doors Open
<b>6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</b>	Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting
<b>Location:</b>	Oveal Williams Senior Center 1414 Martin Luther King Dr., Corpus Christi, TX
<b>Purpose:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide current data on the progress of the Voluntary Acquisition and Relocation Program (VARP)</li><li>• To report on Port activities related to properties</li><li>• Update on bridge construction activities</li><li>• To report on Livability Plan Subcommittee activities</li><li>• To allow the opportunity for CAB and members of the public to ask questions</li></ul>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The CAB chair will welcome the group and open the meeting</li><li>b. The group will review the purpose of the CAB and the meeting ground rules</li><li>c. DRA will provide an update on the VARP</li><li>d. The Port of Corpus Christi Authority will provide an update on the status of demolition construction</li><li>e. FDLLC will inform the group about upcoming construction, closures, and detours</li><li>f. TxDOT and the CAB Chair will report on:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Update on Park Walk and park questionnaire results, recommendations</li></ol></li><li>g. CAB members will give feedback to the agencies and have an opportunity to raise questions and concerns</li><li>h. The public will provide comments on topics addressed in this meeting</li><li>i. The CAB Chair will close the meeting.</li></ol>

Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Park Mitigation Questionnaire (2018)	January 18, 2018 - LPSC Meeting									February 1, 2018 - CAB Meeting									April 5, 2018 - CAB Meeting					
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	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments			
Do you think that all park mitigation originally proposed for H.J. Williams and T.C. Ayers Parks are still viable? If no, you may provide additional comment.	X			X				X			X			X			X		paving needs to be permeable	X				
Would you like to see changes to the currently approved park mitigation for these two parks?	X			X		Move trails to South Park Master Plan	X			X			X			X		see maps	X					
Would you like to see the park mitigation concepts at one park location in the Northside Neighborhood?	X		Alliance mtg		X		X													X				
Do you think the park mitigation should be at multiple locations within Northside? If you answered yes, please list the locations you would suggest. Be specific.				X				X			X			X		All three parks	X		walking trail needs pavers					
Do you think the park amenities at HJ Williams Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	X		Tourist, elderly families		X					X		Children, elderly - family	X		All people groups									
Do you think the park amenities at HJ Williams Park should be more passive use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	X				X					X			X		A mixture of both active & passive				X					
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Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?					X			X			X			X		Primarily youth				X				
Do you think park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more passive use? List who should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?		X			X			X			X			X		A mix of all				X				
Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be a mix of active and passive uses? List who you think should be the target users - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	X			X			X			X			X		A mix of all				X					
Would you recommend adding the neighborhood historical elements into park concepts such as trail markers, kiosks? If, yes, please list any other suggestions?	X			X		Throughout parks, not just at one	X			X			X							X		historic wall @ school	X	
What amenities would you suggest for use in displaying the DN Leathers Tile Mural within the DN Leathers future recreational area and open space or Washington Park?	X			X		Place it somewhere away from sport activities like football to protect it; Provide a place to sit or stand and take it in.																		
Do you have a preference about the site location for the DN Leathers Tile Mural? Options: the DN Leathers future recreational area/open space or Washington Park. Please provide any preferences about how the mural will be displayed within one of these park sites.							X		a wall, a walkway w/historical arch	X										with historic wall?	X		X	
Comments				BBQ pits by new picnic tables (add to HJ Williams Park proposed improvements)																				

**Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Park Mitigation Questionnaire (2018)**

	April 7, 2018 - Park Walk																				
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	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments	Yes	No	Comments
Do you think that all park mitigation originally proposed for H.J. Williams and T.C. Ayers Parks are still viable? If no, you may provide additional comment.	X			X		Add water splash	X		They should be nice but not excessive	X			X			X	X		X		
Would you like to see changes to the currently approved park mitigation for these two parks?				X			X			X			X						X		
Would you like to see the park mitigation concepts at one park location in the Northside Neighborhood?				X			X			X			X						X		
Do you think the park mitigation should be at multiple locations within Northside? If you answered yes, please list the locations you would suggest. Be specific.				X			X		Washington Park	X		Washington Park	X		TC Ayers/Washington				X		
Do you think the park amenities at HJ Williams Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	X		tourist, children, sports center	X			X		For families; children	X		All	X					X		children, families, tourists, etc.	
Do you think the park amenities at HJ Williams Park should be more passive use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?		X	picnics		X		X			X		All	X					X		tourists, childrens	
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Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?			open up to events rentals	X		children; elderly	X		Water park feature, sensory stations, amphitheater, bike trail	X		All	X		Families			X		tourists	
Do you think park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more passive use? List who should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?				X			X		Picnic area, benches, and rest areas	X		All	X					X		family, for rent, residence	
Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be a mix of active and passive uses? List who you think should be the target users - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?				X			X		Amphitheater; families, tourist, elderly, water	X		All	X		Families			X		same as above	
Would you recommend adding the neighborhood historical elements into park concepts such as trail markers, kiosks? If, yes, please list any other suggestions?	X		preserving history for our citizens	X		Washington should include a play area for disabled children	X		Kiosks, trail, mural tiles	X			X					X		same as above	
What amenities would you suggest for use in displaying the DN Leathers Tile Mural within the DN Leathers future recreational area and open space or Washington Park?																					
Do you have a preference about the site location for the DN Leathers Tile Mural? Options: the DN Leathers future recreational area/open space or Washington Park. Please provide any preferences about how the mural will be displayed within one of these park sites.							X		At DN Leathers - tile mural on retaining wall or on kiosk and trail markers	X			X			Washington Park	X		same as above		
Comments							Washington Park to remain as proposed with the addition of a walkway at Lake St. to connect it from Sam Rankin to Alameda with covering for staging area. Could accommodate walks, runs, concerts, and other events. Historical kiosks and trail markers. Reuse brick if possible. This should be a showcase - extra nice.									Needed: Basketball; walking paths, trees, and picnic areas.					

Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Park Mitigation Questionnaire (2018)

April 7, 2018 - Park Wall

## Harbor Bridge Livability Plan Park Mitigation Questionnaire (2018)

	Yes	No	No Response	
Do you think that all park mitigation originally proposed for H.J. Williams and T.C. Ayers Parks are still viable? If no, you may provide additional comment.	86%	14%	0%	Out of 22 responses
Would you like to see changes to the currently approved park mitigation for these two parks?	36%	55%	9%	Out of 22 responses
Would you like to see the park mitigation concepts at one park location in the Northside Neighborhood?	18%	59%	23%	Out of 22 responses
Do you think the park mitigation should be at multiple locations within Northside? If you answered yes, please list the locations you would suggest. Be specific.	73%	9%	18%	Out of 22 responses
Do you think the park amenities at HJ Williams Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	73%	9%	18%	Out of 22 responses
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Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more active use? List who you think should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	68%	14%	18%	Out of 22 responses
Do you think park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be more passive use? List who should be the target users at the park - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	55%	32%	14%	Out of 22 responses
Do you think the park amenities at TC Ayers Park should be a mix of active and passive uses? List who you think should be the target users - i.e. children, elderly, families, tourists, etc.?	77%	9%	14%	Out of 22 responses
Would you recommend adding the neighborhood historical elements into park concepts such as trail markers, kiosks? If, yes, please list any other suggestions?	95%	0%	5%	Out of 22 responses
What amenities would you suggest for use in displaying the DN Leathers Tile Mural within the DN Leathers future recreational area and open space or Washington Park?	100%	0%	0%	Out of 2 responses <sup>1</sup>
Do you have a preference about the site location for the DN Leathers Tile Mural? Options: the DN Leathers future recreational area/open space or Washington Park. Please provide any preferences about how the mural will be displayed within one of these park sites.	65%	10%	25%	Out of 20 responses <sup>2</sup>

A total of 22 questionnaires were received.

<sup>1</sup>: This question was only included on the January 18, 2018 Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting questionnaire.

<sup>2</sup>: This question was included on the questionnaire starting at the February 1, 2018 CAB meeting. It was not included in the January 18, 2018 Livability Plan Subcommittee Meeting questionnaire.

# GROUND RULES

**Goal: To maintain a respectful atmosphere in CAB meetings, use time constructively, and ensure productive outcomes for the ultimate benefit of the Northside Neighborhoods.**

As CAB members, we agree to:

- Arrive on time
- Speak openly and courteously to others
- Be clear about whether we are sharing our own views or the views of the community we represent
- Treat others' views respectfully, even when we disagree with one another
- Be recognized before you speak, make time for others to speak, and refrain from interrupting or talking over others or holding a side-bar conversation while others are speaking
- Turn off all electronics which might interrupt the meeting or distract others

# HARBOR BRIDGE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

## PURPOSE

The CAB will serve as:

- Official, documented voice of the Northside Neighborhoods
- Way for neighborhood to receive updates and raise concerns on the Harbor Bridge project
- Venue for the neighborhood to raise concerns and questions during implementation of the Voluntary Acquisition and Relocation Program
- Way to provide input on proposed mitigation in T.C. Ayers Park and H.J. Williams Memorial Park
- Two-way conduit of information and feedback with TxDOT regarding Harbor Bridge construction and traffic control activities for the duration of the project

TxDOT will take into account recommendations from the CAB, particularly when the CAB has expressed a general consensus.

## **HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

May 31, 2018

*The following notes are the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) summary of the meeting and are not designed to be an exact representation of proceedings. The responses to questions posed during the meeting included in this document may be abbreviated and not constitute the full and appropriate responses for individuals' situations. Community Advisory Board (CAB) members and the public should contact the appropriate agency for complete and personalized answers to their questions.*

### **Open House**

An open house was held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., prior to the CAB meeting. During the open house, Flatiron Dragados, LLC, the contractor on the project, presented a looping video of the project animation showing traffic flow. The animation presentation was done as part a request from the CAB to "show a model of the different traffic movements" when construction is completed. The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) was also present to answer questions and provide information on bus service and detours through the Hillcrest & Washington Coles Neighborhoods.

### **Opening of the CAB Meeting, 6:00 pm**

- Pastor Adam Carrington opened the meeting and welcomed the CAB, partner agencies, and the public. He encouraged the community to provide input on issues and raise concerns.
- Christopher Amy, TxDOT, introduced representatives from the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), who provided a transit service update.
  - RTA planning director Gordon Robinson and senior transit planner Wes Vardeman talked about detours, in particular, Route 12, which has changed due to Harbor Bridge and Bond 2014 construction projects.
  - Old Robstown Road will be closed due to construction. The detour will be Villa Drive, which will have four temporary stops, and then Omaha Drive, which will be a permanent change.
  - The Staples overpass main route to Hillcrest has been diverted to Carancahua and Tancahua streets.
  - The detour from the Martin Luther King Drive frontage road will be on Noakes Street.
  - The detours have not hurt the RTA's on-time performance. Route 12 will serve the Oveal Williams Senior Center.
- The RTA responded to questions from the CAB and public.
  - Comment: It is a federal mandate to have access for seniors and the disabled. The route is not serving its purpose. Response: We will still serve seniors and the disabled. For example, we continue to provide access to the HEBs. We've added an additional HEB we're providing service to. We are also going by the DelMar East Campus.
  - Question: Do you serve Driscoll? Response: Project underway at Driscoll. We currently cannot drive in front of Driscoll. The full Robstown Corridor project is being fast-tracked. We're trying to stick to the arterials. Once construction is done, we're going back to serve Robstown bi-directionally.

- Question: Why did you down-size buses? Response: Due to ridership. There was a 20% decrease in ridership. We looked at every single route in our system and the ridership in 2017 versus early 2018 and we saw a 20% decrease.

### **Del Richardson & Associates (DRA) Update**

- On May 7 DRA sent a letter to all property owners, reaching out to those who had not responded regarding the VARP. A sample letter was brought to the meeting. Those who own a home and are under contract would not have gotten a letter.
- 331 parcel owners have expressed interest in participating in the Voluntary Acquisition and Relocation Program (VARP). 229 have received offers. 205 have accepted the offer. 12 parcels have declined to participate in the VARP. 143 parcels have been acquired. There are about 500 parcels in the program area.
- A CAB member stated the program should be extended six months to account for the time the program was on hold. He stated they need to get that time back or risk a class action lawsuit. Christopher stated that the program would conclude in May of 2019. However, he mentioned that an eligible person can technically request to be a part of the program on the last day. Property owners will have 60 days to consider an offer.

### **Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA) Update**

- A CAB member mentioned that she can smell the asbestos as the houses are being demolished in the neighborhood. The Port talked about encapsulating the houses in plastic as an abatement measure.
- The Port mentioned 93 demolitions had been done to date.
- A CAB member shared his concerns on abatement and stated he had photos and video of demolitions during which abatement procedures were not being followed. The Port asked him to share those with them to address the issues with the contractor. The CAB member stated that there needs to be a stop order of work as soon as possible because it takes a long time to address an issue if it goes through the regular, formal process. Sam Esquivel, with the Port, encouraged people to contact him directly.
- A CAB member stated that work trucks are not marked and that the contractor is doing whatever they want because no one is watching them. CAB member stated they are pulling trees out, like pecans, which is a state tree. They need to have a permit and they don't. Sam Esquivel asked the CAB member to please provide photos or videos of this. Professional Services Inc. is doing the demolitions.
- A CAB member stated that the contractor leaves dirt, rocks, and debris lying around after demolition has been completed. They leave dirt all along the road and when they crush wood they leave splinters all over the property.
- Another CAB member noted that heavy equipment driving on public streets is causing wear and tear on the street surface.
- The Port stated the contractor brings in dirt to fill holes and seed to establish and maintain grass.
- A CAB member stated that after the 19 CAB meetings that have taken place, the community has seen no results.
- Christopher noted that the CAB addresses the questions and concerns as they come up in the CAB meeting and those items are captured in the meeting notes. He acknowledged they will do a better job creating an awareness of what is being addressed. Christopher said he would meet with CAB Chair Pastor Adam and consultants and figure out a way to address

concerns and better communicate the resolution during the format of the CAB meeting. This proposed time segment during the CAB meeting will likely make it clearer to CAB members what has been addressed and resolved.

- CAB Chair Pastor Adam pointed out that there have been results that come from the CAB meetings. He read aloud two questions from the April CAB meeting minutes that were asked by the CAB and for which answers were provided immediately. Pastor Adam encouraged CAB members to read the meeting minutes.
- Sam Esquivel noted the Port has 45 properties and two to three break-ins weekly. He asked the group to please let the Port know if they see something and shared his phone number 361-882-1182. Christopher added that the CAB indicated people were trespassing on Port purchased property. As result of the CAB the Port increased their presence in the neighborhood.

### **Flatiron Dragados, LLC (FDLLC) Update**

- Flatiron Dragados provided an update on construction progress.
- The Staples Street bridge has been removed. Crews are about to close the frontage road. Detour routes will be in place. FDLLC is working with the bus service provider.
- Short term closures will be in place by TC Ayers pool as drainage structures are built.
- A CAB member asked why the access road by Martin Luther King Drive was closed. FDLLC stated they are doing work on the frontage road. There is a temporary off ramp at Leopard Street. Work continues on retaining walls, and a flyover. The contractor is looking at traffic and how to keep it moving.
- I-37 Southbound will have main lane closures. On June 11-14 traffic coming from San Antonio will be shifted over. Port Avenue Bridge must be rebuilt. It will be closed for a few days for demolition. It's inconvenient but it's safe.
- There are cranes on the frontage road between Port and Leopard streets. Drivers will need to take Port Avenue to Leopard Street, then Tancahua. Construction will start on Antelope Street the second week of June. The Nueces Bay entrance ramp is closed. Traffic will be moved to the other side of I-37.
- A CAB member stated they are trying to get small businesses work (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise [DBE]-certified). He wanted to know how small businesses based in Hillcrest can get work on the project. He asked for a cost breakdown of Stillman Street Bridge to share with businesses and see if they're competitive. FDLLC stated they could not provide the cost breakdown.
- The CAB member asked if Harbor Bridge is a federal project and stated they should be able to provide the breakdown of what has been paid because it includes public funds. The Corpus Christi Housing Authority representative stated that might be allowed. Christopher stated he spoke with the project manager who said he is not used to giving that information out this early, but he has put that request in.
- Lorette Williams, FDLLC asked the CAB member if he was wanting information specifically for DBE. The CAB member stated he wanted information on total paid to date and total DBE participation. Lorette stated they could request it in writing through the public information act.
- FDLLC mentioned they are working on patching potholes and conducting the work in off-peak hours at night. They have an operations and maintenance subcontractor specifically for that work.

- A CAB member noted that drivers coming off the ramps are doing so at high speeds. The contractor stated the ramp speed should match the frontage road speed. Chris mentioned HNTB talked to the Corpus Christi Police Department about enforcing the speed limit. The contractor mentioned they may add rumble strips to the ramps to slow vehicles using the exit ramp.
- A CAB member asked for an update about an issue that was brought up at the last CAB meeting, when another CAB member claimed she was declined for a job due to her involvement with the CAB.
- CAB Chair Pastor Carrington mentioned that was April Bassett. He said he was contacted by Janice Sweet with Human Resources. The Chair had not responded because he had not talked with April first. He asked the group to give him a few days to talk to April and then he would address it. The Chair would like to get approval from April first to talk to the HR director about her matter. He would like to get the facts first.
- A CAB member asked when the next job fair would take place. FDLLC said they would be hosting it in conjunction with Workforce Solutions and stated she would share the dates. The listing would be shared.
- A CAB member asked that the dates be shared with the CAB. Chris stated that TxDOT meets with FDLLC on a regular basis. When they get the notice, they'll send out an update to everyone with information on these job fairs.
- A CAB member asked how movers in the VARP were selected. DRA said they asked them to come walk through the property and provide a bid. They were local companies.

#### **Adjournment of the Meeting**

The power went out in the building. The meeting adjourned.