



# RiverRenew Workgroup Meeting Notes

Meeting No. 2 / September 5, 2018 6:30 p.m.

## Meeting Attendees

RiverRenew Workgroup	City of Alexandria	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Councilman John Chapman	Emily Baker	James Beall
Councilman Paul Smedberg	Erin Bevis-Carver	Karen Pallansch
John Hill, AlexRenew Board	Junaid Malik	Liliana Maldonado
Patricia Turner, AlexRenew Board	LaToya Barbour	Caitlin Feehan
	Dustin Dvorak	Justin Carl
		Susan Mitchell
		Kasey Kraft

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. starting with the introduction of participants. Ms. Karen Pallansch, General Manager of Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew), presented a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting.

Ms. Pallansch presented updates on RiverRenew following the established agenda. The highlights of the presentation included:

- Outreach efforts taken by the team to inform the public about the upcoming Community Listening Sessions taking place on September 17, 20, 24, and 25. Distribution channels include:
  - Emails to the RiverRenew and former CSO Stakeholder Advisory Group distribution list
  - Postcard distribution at local events
  - DASH placards
  - Local media
  - Press releases
  - Online announcements via AlexRenew, RiverRenew and City channels
  - City eNews
  - Social media
- Discussion regarding the development of the RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) included the review of the anticipated outcomes from the group, as well as, selection, term, schedule, charge, and composition. The discussion primarily focused on the recommended composition of the SAG and based on feedback received from the Workgroup, the DRAFT composition includes:

Area of Representation	Number of Members	Description
Outfall 001	1	• Nominated by the North Old Town Independent Citizens' Association
	1	• Resident or business near Tobacco Quay, Oronoco Waterfront Residences or Rivergate
Outfall 002	1	• Nominated by the Old Town Civic Association
	1	• Option 1: Nominated by NPS • Option 2: Nominated by St Mary's School • Option 3: Resident near South Royal/Green Street
Outfalls 003/4	1	• Nominated by the Carlyle Community Council
	1	• Nominated by the Eisenhower Partnership



Area of Representation	Number of Members	Description
AlexRenew Customer	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by associations outside of Old Town</li> </ul>
City-wide Organizations	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by Environmental Policy Commission</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by a business group in Old Town (e.g. Old Town Boutique District or other recommended by the Chamber of Commerce)</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by the Park and Recreation Commission</li> </ul>
At-large	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominated by the Alexandria Archaeological Commission</li> </ul>
At-large	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents with engineering, environmental, public finance or related experience</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	

- Ms. Pallansch will develop a draft memorandum summarizing the following information related to the SAG:
  - Size and composition
  - Selection process
  - Term timeframes
  - Meeting frequency
  - Charge
- An overview of the upcoming Community Listening Sessions, including format, purpose, event details, room layout and staffing, and a detailed walkthrough of the DRAFT boards to solicit feedback from the Workgroup was conducted for the remainder of the meeting.

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the Workgroup and the answers provided by City and AlexRenew staff.

- Councilman Smedberg: Is the City creating a separate website for RiverRenew?**

Ms. Baker: The city is linking to the RiverRenew and AlexRenew websites.

- Councilman Smedberg: In terms of city-wide organizations to consider for the Stakeholder Advisory Group, are we considering the Eisenhower Partnership or Carlyle Commission, as opposed to the Chamber of Commerce?**

There was a detailed discussion that businesses affected by work near Outfalls 003 and 004 should be represented. It was suggested that Eisenhower Partnership and Carlyle Council nominate representatives for the SAG. In addition, it was recommended that the team work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify additional business groups in Old Town. Ms. Turner cited the Old Town Boutique District as one example.

With respect to Outfall 002, the Workgroup recommended that the residential character of the neighborhood be considered when nominating potential SAG members.

The Workgroup suggested to include members from the Combined Sewer System Stakeholder Advisory Group that guided the development of Long Term Control Plan Update options in 2017/8.

Additionally, the Workgroup asked that the team consider the impacts to vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic in the identification and selection of SAG members.

- **Councilman Smedberg: What is a local environmental advocacy group as it relates to the Stakeholder Advisory Group?**

Ms. Baker: Groups such as Friends of Dyke Marsh or the Sierra Club.

- **Councilman Smedberg: Should the Stakeholder Advisory Group meet monthly or bimonthly?**

Ms. Pallansch and Ms. Baker: Indicating the SAG will meet monthly leaves room for flexibility. Scheduling monthly meetings will ensure that SAG members have the time accounted for and meetings can be canceled if there isn't a need or agenda item(s).

- **Councilman Smedberg: What is driving the schedule for establishing the Stakeholder Advisory Group in early 2019?**

Ms. Pallansch and Ms. Baker: Based on feedback received from the Board/Council Workgroup at this meeting, it is planned to go to the October City Council Meeting to establish a resolution for the SAG. Following the resolution, we anticipate to conduct an outreach process through the end of the year to identify potential members of the SAG. In early 2019, we will select members and hold the first meeting. This schedule aligns well with the preliminary engineering and Environmental Assessment process.

- **Mr. Hill: Will AlexRenew be hosting Listening Sessions again following the September dates?**

Ms. Pallansch: There will be an opportunity for more informational sessions following the September Listening Sessions, which are specific for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

- **Councilman Smedberg and Mr. Hill: Will there be a recommendation on the table for the community at the September 25 meeting, and how do we communicate these alternatives and decisions with the community?**

Mr. Carl: The September 25 Open House/National Park Service (NPS) Scoping meeting kicks off the NEPA process with the community and other stakeholders. The scoping meeting starts the collaboration process between the community, NPS, AlexRenew, and other stakeholders to identify the purpose and need for the project (action), outline the potential alternatives to be studied in the NEPA document, and assess the potential impacts on the environment/community. The Listening Sessions and Open House/NPS scoping meetings are intended to introduce alternatives being studied in the NEPA document and solicit feedback from the public. AlexRenew will continue to work with NPS to develop a final NEPA document in Spring 2019 and continue to solicit public feedback as the process moves forward. The process concludes with a decision document (Finding of No Significant Impact) for one of the alternatives studied as part of the NEPA process.

- **Councilman Smedberg: Will the Council/Board Workgroup have an opportunity to endorse the Environmental Assessment preferred alternative?**

Mr. Carl: In Spring 2019, NPS will issue a final environmental assessment with a preferred alternative. This will be based on public input received to date as well as analysis of potential impacts to cultural resources, natural resources, and impacts to the community. Once the final Environmental Assessment is issued, it would be appropriate for any interested parties to comment or endorse the preferred alternative.

- **Councilman Smedberg: Hauling routes should be coordinated with the City for each construction site.**



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Mr. Carl: Agreed. As part of the DSUP process, we will work with the City to establish haul routes associated with the construction sites.

- **Councilman Smedberg:** *The graphic schedules should be simplified for better understanding by the community.*

Mr. Carl: Noted and the boards will be updated to simplify construction processes.

The next Workgroup meeting will be scheduled for October 2018 to discuss the outcomes of the Listening Sessions and Open House/NPS Scoping meeting and to discuss the next steps associated with the NEPA process.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.