

Downtown Construction Roundtable

Monday, June 22, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Cathy Coleman, Paul Fillion, Lauren Harris, Jack Kavanaugh, Mary Miller, John Sires, Heather Stein, Tiffany Swindell, Ken Turner, Fred Schneader, Rod McLeod, Horace Mebane, Sarah Parker, Pamela Marino, Steve McCurdy, Reid Rapaport, Fred Schneader, Jimmy Schools, James Toscano

Sarah Parker, City of Norfolk gave welcome and opening remarks:

Ken Turner, Department of Utilities provided update:

- On Yarmouth, took down barrels and put up fencing, looks great
 - Cathy Coleman said thank you for removing barrels and will someone monitor areas where barrels remain to make sure they are not being used improperly
 - Ken Turner responded, yes we are doing that, we have learned from this experience
- Work will start on Dunmore street tomorrow, last a few days, no closure
- Brambleton Ave paving will take 1-2 weeks after work begins

Heather Stein, Hampton Roads Transit provided update:

- Curb and gutter will start any day now on Southside of York Street
 - Bob Epstein stated that he had a large amount of water in front of his business on W York Street
 - Heather Stein responded that she is investigating and will follow up
- Work at intersection of Duke/Bute extended 5 days
 - Jack Kavanaugh stated that traffic on College Place is bumper to bumper and requires an off duty officer to direct, particularly at rush hour.
- OCS drill has arrived on Monticello Avenue
- A special meeting has been called for those businesses directly impacted by the Monticello work.
- Monticello Ave work anticipated to be finished before Thanksgiving
- Atlantic and Plume, HRSD 2 weeks of work (is this 2 weeks left?)
- Demo of Kirn is scheduled for July 6, 2009, contractors don't think they need to move fence back any more
- A special meeting has been called for those businesses directly impacted by the demolition of the Kirn and some of the other work being done on Plume Street.
- Plume Street will remain 2 way traffic until work at St Paul's intersection is done then will become 1 way westbound, access to garages will always be maintained.

Open Discussion:

- John Sires asked about Styrofoam all around his building on Bute Street. He noted that the Styrofoam is coming from Belmont and further stated that they are not wrapping the building the way they should. Freda Burns will talk with the contractor.
- Jack Kavanaugh stated that when closing Duke/Bute need to move detour sign
- John Sires would like to give a hats off to the utility workers over the weekend
- John Sires stated that Skanska workers are staying at the Jefferson Hotel while work is being done, great for business

Next Meeting: June 29, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

