

Downtown Construction Roundtable
Monday, June 8, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Bob Batcher, City of Norfolk, gave welcome and opening remarks:

- Next Stay & Play this Wed. at 456 Fish
- Introductions

Department of Utilities provided update:

- Finished with all planned work on Freemason
- In summer we will mill & overlay all streets in Freemason area not affected by light rail
- Brambleton Ave water line to be installed and mill and overlay of the street

Heather Stein, Hampton Roads Transit, provided update:

- Granby Street work continues and not much change has occurred, intersection is closed
- Comments from Baxter Simmons Jr.
 - Police officers are great for traffic control but can be intimidating
 - Can a big sign be placed up that says valet parking \$5.00?
 - Biggest issue is pedestrians not being aware that Baxter's is accessible
 - Passed out pictures of area in front of Baxter's
 - Foreman on the job put up a pedestrian bridge
 - Worried that staff cannot get to Baxter's or make enough money to support themselves
- Answered question asked last week by MacArthur Center representatives about work on Monticello Ave
 - Contractor says just because you don't see equipment moving, does not mean work is not being done
 - Soon you will see the OCS drill come in
- Virginia Natural Gas is done on York Street
- Verizon still has up to 2 more weeks of work to be done on York Street
- Work on Duke/Bute starts as early as June 19th
- Kirn work and demo is on schedule
- HRSD still working on Atlantic, found a pipe from 1890
- St. Pauls & Plume intersection is closed

Open Discussion

- New TCC building will have groundbreaking on June 29, 2009
- Belmont at Freemason is open and has residents
- Bob Batcher asked group how the Net detour was working out
 - Rick Henn & Tiffany Swindell replied that it was working out great
 - Rick Henn encourages everyone to take the net because the drivers know the detours better than anyone
 - John Sires stated that the NET was great and that the drivers are very helpful
- Baxter Simmons Jr. asked when he should call Tammy, the inspector for the City of Norfolk
 - Bob Batcher replied that he should call anytime you have an issue

Next Meeting: June 15, 2009
Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Minutes prepared by: Tiffany Swindell