

Tuesday February 21, 2023

2ND MEETING OF THE CCV STORMWATER COMMITTEE

1. ROLL CALL

In attendance both in person and via zoom: Ellen Sands, Shana Davis-Cook, William Atkins, Ruth Epstein, Jim Pettila, Robert Goodwin, Marea Hatzios, Nick Jacobs, Peter Kaye, Jeanne Asher

2. HESKETH STORM DRAIN PROJECT

Ellen Sands discussed the ongoing project to deal with drainage in the backyards between Irving and Hesketh Streets. This has been in the works since 2019 at which time the previous survey was performed. Residents in this block have suffered with excess water for many years. Many solutions over the years, including rain gardens and dry wells, have been attempted with little success. With the guidance of a consulting engineer, a plan was made to place a storm drain beginning at 17 Hesketh west toward Cedar Parkway and then to be piped under Cedar Parkway. Easements were obtained in the affected yards in order to build and then maintain the storm drain. The path of the piping was dictated in part by mature trees and garages in the yards. As a result, costs are lower and fewer tree removals are to be required. The project is now out for bid and the plan is for the consulting engineers, RK&K Engineers to be the project managers. This has been an expensive and educational process which was long in planning and, due to the pandemic, execution.

3. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IN CONTEXT

Marea Hatzios presented an overview of the topography of the area with a general view of our county and specifically that of Chevy Chase village. She noted that in the time period from 1990 to present there has been a 9% increase in rainfall and a general increase in development within the village. Dr. Hatzios' presented that these factors have contributed to the increase in stormwater issues. Her presentation also noted that in general the water in the village flows from northeast to southwest, and eventually draining into Little Falls. One other point that she made was that there has been an increase in the tree canopy in the northeast area of the village. This helps to slow down rainfall and allow it to percolate more slowly into the ground. Her power point presentation is available on the committee document folder.

4. **SURVEY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The survey subcommittee presented the revised draft of the survey. The significant changes that were implemented were a confidentiality notice which will be reviewed by the village lawyer. This was felt to be important to the survey subcommittee to increase the likelihood of a more robust response rate. In addition , a wording change on question 8 which generalized from immediate neighbor to another on the block was made. The importance of requiring an address on the survey in order to more accurately map problems was also considered and included. The survey will be distributed via email and USPS. Responses will be reinforced with postcard reminders. A copy of the most recent iteration of the survey is available in the google drive repository for the committee.

5. **NGO INVOLVEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSFORMATION OF SURVEY RESULTS INTO WORKING MAPS**

The village staff recommended that the committee meet with two ngo's to assist with interpreting survey results and converting them into maps. The board has already budgeted \$20,000 for this aspect of the project.

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

- A. When sending documents or information related to the business of the Committee always include the email: chevychasesw@gmail.com
- B. Documents for the committee will be posted on Google Drive at:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tSx3QnRztcoRi4ExLpdGbw0rOcFB2gPT>