

## **March 12, 2024 Meeting Notes**

### **Flood Committee**

Attendees: Lauren Kabler, Stacy Milor, Elana Van Oudenaren, Tom Litke, Jay Loveless, Dave Damalouji, Bob Gray, Gary Koopman,

### **Discussion Items**

#### **1. Status of 9<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Upgrade Project**

- a. Donnie reported that the RFP for the project was completed and being reviewed by the Town legal office. The goal is to post the RFP by the first week of April and award the contract in May.
- b. As reported in the February meeting:
  - i. The proposal calls for the installation of two submersible pumps (identical to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street system, manufactured by Flyte), each capable of producing 1,200 gallon-per-minute (GPM) outflow. The discharge outlet will be located to direct the flow over the Jersey wall system.
  - ii. Meetings are scheduled with manufacturers to explore a different check valve design and ways to accommodate the deteriorating impact of the sand and silt that flow through the pumps during operation.

#### **2. Updates on Grant Applications**

- a. Tom reported that two grant applications were submitted in the prior week via the Southern Maryland Heritage Grant program. The targets: upgrades to the Walton Park and Sunrise Garden and refreshing/removing the raised flower beds that line the boardwalk.

#### **3. Update on 7<sup>th</sup> Street Planning / Rip-Rap Installation**

- a. Donnie reported that he has met with vendors regarding design proposals for both projects. Those proposals are expected to be delivered in the coming weeks and available to discuss at the April meeting.
- b. As reported in the February meeting:
  - i. The design for a 7<sup>th</sup> Street pump would be similar to the 9<sup>th</sup> Street installation, but will likely be completed in phases. The need for a new structure and land acquisition presents hurdles.

- ii. The new revetment installation that would be placed along the section of the boardwalk north from Hatch's Corner, with an additional 20 feet from the edge of the breakwater to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Funding for the project—which will protect the sewer lines from storms and erosion—comes from ARPA contributions.

#### **4. Tracking Storm / Tide Data**

- a. On Carola's recommendation, the committee decided to adopt a more formalized tracking system for storm / tide data that incorporates the MyCoast application in lieu of separate reporting. As Carola pointed out, data from MyCoast is robust, easily downloadable, user friendly, and helpful for grant applications.
  - i. Committee members were assigned "regions" to monitor and submit real-time photos to MyCoast that document flooding during major storms. Lauren & Carola: Atlantic Avenue. Elana: 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Annapolis Avenue. Dave/Gary: 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Avenue. Jay: 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Bob Gray will continue to report rainfall.
  - ii. MyCoast assigns tide information to our area based on Annapolis tide data. The committee resolved to explore ways to obtain more accurate measures.