

NBN6 Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009
Monroe County Parks Office – 171 Reservoir Avenue
5:30 p.m.

Present: Joanne Balliet, Bob Boyd, Abi Buddington, Mike Bushart, Joe Campbell, Barb Case, David Chappius, Sarah Culligan, Officer Steve Edgett, Bill Gerling, Dave Halter, Dan Hurley, Chris Jones, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Vern Lindberg, Ed Lindskoog, Geri and Joe Machado, Bob Morrison, Nancy O'Donnell, Rose O'Keefe, John O'Neil, Matt Perdue, Victoria Posner, Lisa Reagan, Allan Richards, Pete Saxe, Peter Siegrist, Larry Staub, Eilleen Thomas, Michael Tomb, Paul Urai, Carlene Woodward, Marcia Zach,

Bob Morrison, Director of City of Rochester Water Bureau:

The Environmental Protection Agency has recently begun requiring that all open water sources need to be changed – either covered or treated. Therefore, reservoirs at Rush, Highland Park, and Cobbs Hill Park will need to be changed. Originally, plans were discussed to cover these reservoirs, and put tanks in them, which would have cost an estimated \$40 million. New technology has been developed however, that involves UV treatment of the water, and would save energy and also cost only \$20-\$25 million, this is a better option and so the Water Bureau is opting for this instead.

The timetable for this option is as follows: Putting a rubber membrane liner (samples distributed) into the Highland Reservoir would start shortly after the Lilac Festival in May 2010. The hypalon (polypropylene) liner is 45-65 mil. They will need to remove stones from around the reservoir, make them smaller, and replace them, so they don't puncture the liner.

There are leaks in the mechanical piping of the reservoir. These will be fixed at this time. Other improvements to the reservoir include installing a low-level outlet to drain the reservoir in case of an emergency. This is a New York State requirement; it is unlikely it will ever be used. They will install 900 feet of 12" diameter pipe from the reservoir out to Doctor's Rd, at a hydrant that will be specially colored. There will also be some repointing done to the structures around the Reservoir.

Comment: In 2008 the reservoir also needed repointing, leaks were fixed, however, it is still leaking and causes an icy area.

Response: They are putting a liner in that should fix the problem, and last for 30-40 years.

Question: Will the fountain in the middle go?

Answer: No, the fountain will stay.

Question: Is the reservoir going to be covered?

Answer: No, the UV treatment is an alternative to covering.

Question: Can you put rocks over the edge of the liner that will be seen?

Answer: No, weeds would grow in them and it would be a maintenance issue.

Question: How many trees are coming down?

Answer: Very few, they mapped a route that would avoid trees, a path was created to minimize impact or damage to the park.

Question: Is this underground?

Answer: Yes, all underground.

Question: The drainage will go onto Doctors Rd?

Answer: No, a hydrant there will have a hose attachment to drain directly into a catch basin.

This is demanded by the EPA. The first phase will be putting the liner in, it will improve water quality. The second phase will involve UVB treatment/reactors. That will happen in 2014. These improvements must be made to all three reservoirs.

Question: What is the depth of the drain?

Answer: The Highland drain will be about 1-1/2 feet below floor of reservoir. It will be done with directional drilling.

Comment: The directional drilling project in the Mt. Hope area was not successful.

Question: Are you still engaged with the county on merging operations? What is the progress on that?

Answer: There is no consolidation yet, but much negotiation. They still anticipate water from Hemlock will be filling the reservoirs.

Comment: Elaine Spauld says it is going to City Council next month, the proposal to take Hemlock water source from the city.

Question: What is the plan for Cobbs Hill?

Answer: 2013-2014 the UV treatment will be installed.

Rochester Police Department, Officer Steve Edgett:

There has been an increase in street robberies. There is a warning out about an individual named Gregory John Smith. He is 45 years old and a scam artist. He is not thought to be violent. His usual story is that he is out of gas, or needs a ride. Then that leads to him stealing money from people, getting people to cash checks, or go to an ATM, etc. Lt. Jay Maitland retired 2 weeks ago. Acting Sergeant Edgett will be in charge of the Southeast. Lt. Johnson is being transferred out of his Crime Prevention assignment, so there are several changes happening. The RPD will keep us posted as to who is in charge.

Comment: Incidents on Caroline Street and in the South Wedge – violent crimes have happened, and we are not getting any info about them.

Response: PCIC meetings address these crimes in detail. Beware of hearsay stories that get changed as they are shared from person to person. Serious issues are always going to be shared.

The two officers who were injured are doing better. Both are resting at home now.

Peter Saxe, Neighborhood Service Center Administrator:

NBN Sector 6 is what we have made it; it has been a great means of prioritizing projects and spending the money that was set aside for it. If we continue to meet as Sector 6, the city will continue to support you. The financing – it is secondary to the main function of this group.

(David disagrees)

Response: You (NBN) use your \$5000 to leverage your resources and get the ball rolling. The mechanism to get the money will change (it will now come from the quadrant) but the team should remain the same. The quadrant team is there to support and help make projects a reality.

Question: Is there money available for Sectors?

Answer: It is now Quadrant money rather than sector money, so the neighborhoods would go to the Quadrant team for money.

Comment: NBN process is in the city charter. Aren't administrators interested in enforcing the city's own code?

Response: I believe it is still in the city code currently but city council may be changing that.

Comment: While it is still in the city code, it should not be a burden on all of us to go to the quadrant to find information out when we have a group that was put in place to help plan things. Instead, you will be bringing the projects to us after they have been planned when it is too late to have any input.

Comment: We have been guaranteed \$5000 by the city.

Response: A lot of that is up in the air.

Response: Monies will not all be spent by December 31st. The money not spent will go towards getting you through June 30. We are trying not to lose the program funds by spending them. There are only 2 weeks left in the year and some sectors don't even have a strategic plan.

Comment: It is very, very difficult to try to get this money from the city. There are many strings attached, and we are tired of fighting for it. Over recent years, Swillburg has been acting as fiduciary for NBN Sector 6 and writing checks out of the Swillburg account because it takes so long to get the money from the city. Prior to this, SEAC was acting as fiduciary for NBN. Sectors 6, 7, 8 are the only ones able to spend their money at all because someone can front the money to them. The other neighborhoods apparently don't

have someone who can do that; that is why they don't spend their money. We are extremely frustrated at how this process has worked.

Response: There will now be additional funds available to you, probably about \$3000, or a total of \$8000.

Comment: The strings that are attached to the CBDG funding makes it very difficult to spend, and we also have fronted money to the sector and waited months for reimbursement.