# Lead Service Line Planning Task Force

# Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2022

Meeting Called to Order at 2:00 p.m. by Kenley Farmer, appointed Chair.

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members

* Kenley Farmer, designee for Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE)
* Matthew Nestopoulos, designee for Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)
* Stephen Varga, designee for District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
* Randy Speck, public representative appointed by Council
* Valerie Baron, public representative appointed by Council
* Maureen Schmelling, designee for DC Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water)

**Guest Panelists**

* Apera Nwora, DC Water
* John Deignan, DC Water

1. Adoption of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting agenda was adopted and meeting minutes from the 7/14/2022 meeting can be adopted.

1. Timeline Review of Council’s Independent Cost Assessment

Michael Porcello:

* A draft report has been finalized, and council staff anticipates providing the report to DC water by Monday July 25th, 2022
* August 12th is the deadline for DC water to review and provide comments on the draft report
* Council staff expects a final report completed early September 2022
* Suggests that DC Water view the draft report and make technical edits on the numbers and date before sharing it more broadly.
* Q: In the moratorium on cuts in the streets, the requirements state “If you have any cut within the five-year moratorium period then the entire block has to be repaved”. Are there any requirements that aren’t safety related?
* A: There are soft incentives to approach streets that have that designation, when you make subsequent cuts and go back into a road it tends to have negative implications for the entire street segment. When roads start to get wavy and broken down it requires that road to be replaced sooner than it otherwise wouldn’t had no cuts occurred as a disincentive the moratorium was introduced.
* Q: Will the contractor report be available for the public to review?
* A: Yes, it will be available to the public since we didn’t statutorily provide an opportunity for formal public comments other than the public hearings.

1. Determination of Format for Public Listening Sessions

Suggestions:

* Teams format consisting of two moderators, one to handle any questions from the public and one to cue the questions up.
* Limit comments to 5 or 6 minutes to ensure all attendees can speak
* Provide a presentation at the beginning of each session to give background on the task force history, purpose, and agenda
* **Q**: What outreach has been done for the listening sessions besides posting on the website and social media?
* **A**: Individual emails were sent to all ANC commissioners informing them of the public listening sessions.
* **Q**: What would be the best way to engage with Deputy Mayor Baber’s office, to improve our work with support from her?
* **A**: We could send our draft report to our lead affairs contact, who we know very well. She makes a conscious effort and a strong one to get any sort of feedback or comment back within 48 hours.
* **Q**: Will the office of racial equity be submitting comments on the draft report?
* **A**: We don’t have an answer currently, but we will reach out to them and find out.
* **Q**: Will the task force collectively address and answer any questions on behalf of the community?
* **A**: If the task force has the answers to any questions at the time we can respond and provide them, if not we’ll document them and depending on how many questions, we can incorporate that information into our edits to the draft plan or create a separate document if needed.

1. Reactions to Proposed Sections to the Draft Report

There are no updates regarding reactions to the draft report

1. Outreach and Partnership Opportunities

* Q: What does the September roundtable entail?
* A: There will be a chance for public testimony and opportunity for a robust discussion of the task force’s report. Also, there will be 3 sections that include the public comment section on both reports, the task force reports’ section, and the contractor’s section.

1. Question and Answer Session

* Q: What is the status regarding getting in touch with Councilmember Lewis George?
* A: Randy Speck has reached out to her staff and has not received a response yet.
* Q: Is there any thought as to who will oversee financing and distributing the filters?
* A: We did not want to detract from the funding that’s already in place for the actual replacement of the lead pipes. It makes the most sense for a district agency to administer an expanded filtering program like filtering in schools and daycares.
* Q: What is the status of getting in touch with tenants and landlords about stakeholder meetings regarding any controversial issues?
* A: Kenley Farmer will send the information about the public listening session to it’s lead safe and healthy housing division and ask them to distribute to their contact list

1. Action Items and Future Agenda Items

Action Items

* + Task Force will:
    - Conduct two public listening sessions on July 28th, 2022, to give the public opportunity to submit questions/comments to the task force
    - Hold a walk through for the public listening sessions to prepare task force members to relay valuable information and facts to the public during the public listening sessions
    - Refine draft report documents and start incorporating comments as they come in during the public commenting period
    - Finalize any changes to the draft report or return any changes to the original draft that may give our respective constituencies and organizations any difficulties so that when public comments roll in, we’re only adjusting new input from the public
* Matthew Nestopoulos:
* Reach out to contacts in Deputy Mayor Baber’s office to receive feedback and input to assist the task force in reaching their objective
* DC Water will:
  + - Amplify messaging regarding the public listening sessions and post on their website for public view
    - Review and provide more information in context of their plan

**Proposed Agenda for 8/4/22**

1. Roll Call of Task Force Members
2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Agenda
3. Independent Cost Assessment Update
4. Reactions to Proposed Sections of the Draft Report
5. Discuss Outreach and Partnership Opportunities
6. Question and Answer Session
7. Action Items and Future Agenda Items