

Consulting Parties Meeting Notes, 6-4-2020

This is the 8th quarterly meeting and was held virtually. Cynthia announced that she is recording the meeting prior to starting the agenda.

Welcome & Introductions (Cynthia) – Due to effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the agenda is shorter tonight. Cynthia reviewed the overall Vision Russell goal, Choice and why we meet quarterly.

Project Updates on Demolition + Beecher 1-3 Residential (Laura Kinsell-Baer)- Building 21 is still standing because it holds the boiler that provided heat to BCC and some housing. It is being demolished during this third and last phase of demolition. Abatement and archaeology is underway. Messer is projecting an 8-month period to remove all remaining buildings. There are trees hindering the underline steam lines and there is discussion on what trees need to be removed. The team is currently prepping for this activity in trying to preserve as much as possible. Laura showed an aerial photo of the site and pointed out the various phases and unit details. Phase I – 117 units for persons age 55+ is projected to be complete in Sept./Oct. 2020. Phase II – family site, townhouses with more of an urban feel, 4-unit buildings but each have their own entrance, mixed-income. Phase III will include a pool that serves the whole community, 185 units over 3 blocks. Working toward closing on finances for Phase III now. The contractor is currently on a maximum of one-month delay so far, but this shouldn't be too detrimental. Phase 3 will be the last of sites with an elevator due to the cost and once you get above 4 floors, you get into commercial area. Cynthia offered her and Jenn Ryall's consultation and assistance with the face-to-face meetings for the programmatic agreement requirements for the upcoming phases.

Future Residential Phases 4 & 5 Update (Laura Kinsell-Baer) At the next CP meeting in September, we should have a conceptual drawing from the architects for future phases. These will be along Muhammad Ali.

Mitigation Activities Update for Stage I

- Western Library African American Archives – Natalie Woods is currently on furlough but sent Cynthia an update to say she has been working with the new equipment and preparing documents to be uploaded. She is making progress and will continue once she returns to work.
- Documentary Film – (Kathleen O'Neil) Lavel D. White was unable to attend this meeting, but said he had no updates at this time. His documentary project is complete. He has been talking with Natalie about organizing another panel to discuss the current racial concerns going on in Louisville. He also plans to reach out to the Human Rights commission.
- Louisville Story Program – Darcy Thompson acknowledged how raw times are right now as some of the program's authors are grieving the death of a friend. The protests are hitting close to home right now with this story. COVID-19 has slowed their progress due to not being in contact with many people. The timeline may be later in 2022 than expected. He has received fresh and proficient writing from authors that were done remotely. The team is working on editing, transcription and audio videos. He recently received some new work by an exciting female photographer. On the first day school was canceled due to COVID-19, his team made sure all students had the technology they needed. They will have their books done by the end of month, and they will then begin working on book design and the printing process.
- Data Recovery / Corn Island – Anne Bader and team has been on site since April and things are going smoother this time (i.e. no permit issues, no shutdowns, they have completed much work despite the rain). Meeting COVID-19 protocol while working. Anne shared slides to show the areas that have been explored, and the areas that are left and other stats. They are still on

target for a timely completion. They are finding what they expected to find, except for one lot that was severely disturbed. In the end, they will see if a population is under represented, and if so, they may choose another lot to explore to make up for this one. They are exploring privies and finding quite a few features and artifacts. They are not finding less than last time and the privy contents show what was expected. She will begin an artifact of the week again. So far, they have been able to get between buildings and trees to complete exploration. Documenting and mapping cisterns, but not exploring them. She showed slides of some artifacts that have been found, such as, jewelry, eyeglasses, doll parts, geranium glass that glows in the dark, beautiful ceramics and marbles. They are consulting with an Optometrist who is educating them on the glasses they have found. Completing Block 12 now and hopes to move to Block 10 in the next couple of weeks. Darnell asked what they do with the privy once explored. Anne said the earth is put back and the vault is filled for safety purposes.

- Public Participation / Corn Island – No updates at this time.
- Educational Outreach Status Update – (Kathleen, Pam and Rebecca) – Have been finalizing the Intergovernmental Agreement and budget details. With COVID-19/NTI situation our progress came to a halt. Rebecca said that JCPS has new standards for the state that teachers were not able to maximize on this year due to NTI. Teachers are still looking at what the standards are and the assessment for what this looks like. Unsure what Fall will look like at this time. The team is working to build inquiry lessons using documents by the other mitigation activities to allow for much opportunity to explore, interrogate and question the world around them. Jay asked about the learning kits and said it is his opinion that teachers do not use these as they have limited time with none to spare to go get a kit and return it. Anne said teachers come get them regularly and they pull them out when kids come to the office. By observing the items in the kits, they can see how things have changed (good or bad) over the past 100 years. The kits come with questions we want them to think about. Artifacts that are duplicated can go in the boxes. Jay questioned the logistics of using the kits, and likely, only the super excited teachers will check them out. Rebecca stated that the Resource Library has limited space, but they have secured space in a storage area where they can keep the kits. JCPS will have Instructional Lead, Ryan New, to assist teachers with this process including generating a need and want for them. For example, in 5th grade we are asking “why do we study the past?”. Jay suggested looking at digital ways to provide the same information. Anne suggested they spread the kits out among the city to make it easier for teachers to check them out.

Next CP Mtg is Sept. 3rd, 2020, virtual or in-person will be TBD

Conclusion of Mtg.