



2022-2023 RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Meeting No. 1: March 17, 2022

Meeting Attendees:

RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)	Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Steven App	Karen Pallansch
Liz Birnbaum	Caitlin Feehan
Dan Bradfield	Justin Carl
Yvonne Callahan	Sonya Farrell
Mace Carpenter	Nicole Bushnell
Mark McNutt	Jean-Marc Wehri
Michelle Millben	
Erik Olson	

The meeting convened at 7 p.m.

The highlights of the presentation included:

- A brief update on grant funding from the General Assembly
- An introduction to Steven App, the new SAG member with engineering, environmental, financial, or related experience; and Sonya Farrell, Communications and Outreach Manager for RiverRenew
- A report from each SAG member on community feedback received since the last meeting
- An update on RiverRenew Tunnel Project construction progress and six-month look-ahead
- An update on community outreach initiatives

The following is a summary of the questions asked by the SAG members and the answers provided by the RiverRenew team:

Erik Olson asked if the sheeting installation at the Pendleton Street site is complete.

Justin Carl, RiverRenew Program Manager, explained that, while installation is complete for the first and largest set of sheets at this site, another set will need to be installed in a similar fashion approximately a year and a half from now.

Liz Birnbaum asked about AlexRenew’s plan for maintaining pedestrian crossings on Jamieson Avenue during Hooffs Run Interceptor construction.

Mr. Carl stated that AlexRenew will post signage and flaggers when necessary to accommodate pedestrian crossing(s) of Jamieson Avenue.

Michelle Millben asked if AlexRenew was considering tunnel boring machine-related outreach programs for student groups.

Mr. Carl replied that AlexRenew would brainstorm STEM opportunities related to the tunnel boring machine’s arrival in Alexandria.

Yvonne Callahan asked if there would still be a virtual component available for upcoming in-person SAG meetings.

Mr. Carl asked SAG Chair Dan Bradfield to connect with SAG members and assess their comfort level regarding a return to fully in-person meetings.

Erik Olson asked if there would be opportunities for community members to tour the tunnel.

Mr. Carl explained that there are several planned events that would present opportunities for the general public to tour the tunnel, but these cannot be confirmed at this time as they are all dependent upon the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

No comments or questions were submitted during the Public Comment period.

Other discussion points:

- The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
- The next meeting of the 2022-2023 Stakeholder Advisory Group will take place on May 19, 2022.