

TEPOA Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

The meeting was held at the VFW# 8905 located at 21902 Northwest Fwy. Cypress, TX 77429 at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.

In Attendance

Board members in attendance were Doug Keith, Sherry Patterson, Norma Andersson, Daniel Bena and Wayne Griffen. Harris County Engineering Department sent representatives to introduce themselves, their role in The Lake Project and discuss their perspectives of the project.

Call to Order

Having a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:23 PM.

Meeting Discussion

The Harris County Engineering Department members introduced themselves and discussed their role in working with Harris County Flood Control District and Harris County Precinct 3. They explained the \$2.2 billion Bond was proposed and this project is part of the Bond Program. Albert Mendoza, RG Miller Design Engineer, as present along with the Harris County Engineer Dept. An resident questioned what would happen if we didn't proceed with the Project. We we told the Precinct will need to tell us what will happen in this scenario. One resident noted that her home backs up to the newly constructed K163 culvert and water came to her back patio door with our most recent rain. She is concerned as it has never done this before. Why is the water not draining into the Little Cypress Creek? The engineers were not sure.

A resident questioned if they are starting over from scratch or if this is an extension of work that has been done. They stated they are working with The Harris County Flood Control and the information is from the previous rendition. They presented a slide show, which they will not provide a copy of to us as it's not an official plan yet.

One resident questioned the contaminants from ditches entering the lake once this project was complete. The engineers said that was not part of their role and that would need to be discussed with HCFCD. Bridge construction would be discussed with HCFCD, as well.

Culvert size is included in the "redo" of the neighborhood culverts.

Hopeful the construction will be QTR 4/23 - QTR 4/24

Roadway construction will be 1'-2' with crowned overlay of streets and some widening at Timberlake and Tall Forest. East & West streets stay the same width to save trees.

Easement purchase has not changed. Final offer is \$456,000.

\$15,808,712 includes 15 streets funded through the Mobility Fund.

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Ravensway has put their project on hold as their utility district was not working with them.

Who will have control of the lake once job is completed?

Precinct prefers to keep rights on the neighborhood for ownership and maintenance. Doug noted if we sell the easement to the country then we give away our rights.

ILA (Inter-Local Agreement) would allow for access for county equipment.

Resident inquired where in the budget is the cleaning for the roads and culverts as it seems to have stopped. Were told this is a Precinct issue.

Resident asked about the main ditch from the lake to Little Cypress Creek located behind his house. Will it remain open or closed. Told it was part of flood control and would remain open.

Resident asked where the water from the lake would go when released. It will go to Little Cypress Creek.

Resident stated she was concerned about flooding and the lake well-being from contamination. What will ditch water do to the lake? Will we always see water from the road in the lake? Can we maintain fish? Told these were not questions they can answer.

Resident asked would the flooding have happened during Harvey if this project was complete. Drainage report stated it would have reduced flooding but not stopped flooding.

Water level during a drought? We would still have the well for water level maintenance.

What other groups would benefit from lake use? None. It would still be private.

Are there any other plans for lake other than holding water? No other plans but HCFD has the final say.

“Improvement” means regrading and work to move water to pond and repave the roads.

Resident asked how much notice is needed to get some one to talk to the community from the Precinct 3 and Harris County Flood Control District. The Timberlake POA will need to request the meetings.

Doug stated we will have 3 HOA meetings and take votes at each meeting. The meetings will be 3 consecutive weeks in a row to iron out the community concerns and then decide if we want to proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.