

Community Meeting Recap

Date: March 22, 2024, 6-8 pm

Location: The Kulture Hub, 291 Manistique

Meeting Overview

It featured productive discussions on sea wall restoration, backup flood protection, and negotiations with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) regarding the Proposed Freud Street Pump Station.

Spotlight

Intern Robbie Pharr presented a test run of his Youth Sciences Water Quality Testing Program which he was scheduled to deliver at the International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) conference in Windsor, Canada on Friday, May 24.

Agenda and Highlights

- **Welcome and Introductions:**
Attendees introduced themselves, shared their connection to the community, reasons for attending, and how they learned about the meeting.
- **Key Discussion Topics:**
 - **Seawalls** - Councilwoman Johnson discussed her efforts to secure CDBG-DR funds for seawalls along Fox Creek. Her team canvassed residents about their ability to qualify for CDBG-DR income limits. Additional outreach is necessary. The DBA's \$2.7 million Flood Mitigation Project is on hold, pending the outcome of discussions with the Administration.
 - **Backup Flood Protection:** Plans for additional flood safeguards were presented, with resident queries on specifics and community involvement.
 - **Negotiations with GLWA:** Updates on negotiations concerning flood prevention and water management strategies. Jay Juergensen drew attention to the report prepared by The WATER Project review concerns over the Pump Station.
- **Project Updates:**
 - **A.B. Ford Renovation Plan:** Jay Juergensen outlined findings of report reviewing the City's actions related to the improvements at the Park.
 - **CDBG-DR Action Amendment:** Mr. Juergensen drew attention to comments about the Action Plan Substantial Amendment # 1 as well as the over 200 signatures on a petition to restore the \$10 million for Flood Protection.
- **Community Engagement** - There was limited discussion with Councilwoman Johnson on other community concerns.

We hope to see you at our next meeting!