

Request for Meeting/Information - AB Ford



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Ms. Ms. and Ms. -

Councilwoman Johnson has asked that I communicate with [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and I am also include Councilman Young's [redacted], given the demand on Council during this hectic budget time.

We are in receipt of responses to a limited number of questions from GSD, received from CW Johnson's office, yesterday. They have been distributed to our E-mail Blast and posted on Nextdoor. However, in the initial set of questions that accompanied our March 6 to Council requesting denial of funding for Contract 6006111, we again renew our desire to pause the decision regarding the contract for several reasons. It'd also be helpful for GSD to demonstrate good faith and its desire for the community to have the time to sort out the multitude of issues before proceeding by voluntarily withdrawing the Contract for consideration. For the benefit of this conversation and going forward, we will refer to the work in Contract 6006111 as Part 2, so as not to be confused with Phase II environmental work.

GSD Responses - March 18 - We appreciate GSD's and Johnson's Office in seeking answers to the questions proffered on March 6. However, some of the answers are confusing and potential self-contradictory in part, because they are absent any drawings or diagrams for Part 2 that would more clearly define the work areas described. As mentioned in the initial email, we have been unable to confirm the calculations of the 70,000 CY of soil quoted by GSD staff. Please know that we may challenge some of the assumptions made by GSD and their experts and are working on specific responses to those assertions.

Documents Provided March 5 - <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-parks-recreation/parks-and-greenways/current-park-projects/ab-ford-park> - Thank you for providing the nearly 1,700 pages of documents. They are helpful in terms of understanding what GSD knew and when and will help the community's understanding of what additional actions may be necessary to complete remediation of the western portion of the site. However, the documents contain NO information about the proposed Part 2 work on the eastern half of the site - which is the information we need to better understand the proposed work.

Part 2 Phase I, Phase II, Due Care and Remediation Plan Details - It seems reasonable and we hope that GSD is conducting the same level of analysis (Phase I and Phase II) and will exercise the same level of Due Care for Part 2. It also seems completely reasonable for GSD to release the reports related Part 2 immediately and certainly, before construction begins and that we will be given time to absorb, understand and respond to them. Failure to do so could only create the same kind of reaction from residents that has occurred as a result of the delays in disclosure of reports received to date.

Part 2 Plans and Drawings, Bid Book and Contract - A FULL understanding of the specific scope of the contract(s) under consideration is the ONLY way for the community can assess the actions GSD will be undertaking. The March 6 questions included a request for this information (A6 and D1) and was also highlighted below. We renew that request and suggest a delay in approval of the Contract until such time as that information is provided and we've had the opportunity to review and respond.

Thanks, in advance for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.
Jay C. Juergensen