

STLDLDCD / 9-16-20
Moonraker Island Residents,

The meeting began precisely at 6:00 P.M. at Koop Dr. which indicates next month's meeting will be held at Slidell Auditorium on TUESDAY, OCT. 20, 2020, same time.

The Watershed Initiative (funding) is holding \$100 million to be spent in St. Tammany Parish of the \$1.2 billion funds for coastal flooding. This project is on hold while we wait for the state to agree. It was requested that funds be set aside for our project and not be comingled with other projects. Steve Scalise's regional director, Rustin Legendre, agreed to take that suggestion back to Washington.

The task order to evaluate levee alignments in East Slidell which includes Kingspoint and Hwy.190 were approved by the CPRA and the parish. Engineers take soil samples.

Contract Amendment: Request to do our Floodgate first

There is a misconception about the flood project's being labeled Eden Isles Project. This project benefits all the various neighborhoods within our area. The fear is that uninformed residents won't understand the benefits to each of our communities and won't support the project or any kind of millage to maintain it after completion.

Members of STLDLDCD attended the Consortium Meeting which includes all Louisiana levee boards. Our members gained information from others on how to seek support, (financial and others), construction, speeding up the process.

Flood insurance costs were discussed as well. FEMA and the NFIP must approve flood prevention projects before rate reductions would apply. JUST ANOTHER PITA project to me!

I can't say enough about the hard work Tom Thompson has contributed toward our project. I know it took some great effort, but Tom got the goods on Colonel Fleming, District Commander of Louisiana ACOE, speaking for the Army Corps of Engineers. Committing that if the ACOE ever built anything that forced water to any other community, caused damage to another community, the ACOE would mitigate the circumstances, Colonel Fleming was filmed during a meeting. This promise to mitigate was denied for 15 years and so were the models to prove it. Now the ACOE will let us know if it will contribute financially (mitigation) to our project. The decision will be made in January, 2021. Please remember that the levee system built to protect New Orleans after Katrina was done without the feasibility study or requirements others have had to do. Including St. Tammany Parish in the GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA was discussed.

Public Comments: Obvious frustration was the consensus of opinion concerning the length of time all these steps are taking. Residents want a specific time to which we can look forward to the completion of our project. No one on the board could provide that answer. THIS MUCH I AM CERTAIN. We are so much further along than we have ever been. I am truly grateful for all those who have been working all these years on this project. The fortitude shown is something to be admired. Our residents should attend the meetings to show support.

Bonnie Peyroux

WE MAILED OUR JOURNALS OUT THIS MORNING (9/18/2020). RESIDENTS, PLEASE GIVE US SOME FEEDBACK ON THE JOURNAL

BY SENDING AN EMAIL TO -MICOI@outlook.com WITH YOUR COMMENTS.

Bonnie