

**NYC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2010 – 7:00 PM**

The Croton Facility Monitoring Committee met on Thursday, June 17, 2010 at the DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

Attending - CFMC representatives:

Damian McShane, Chairman, Community Board # 8; Lawrence Scoones, Bronx Office, Parks and Recreation Department (DPR); Jessica Noon, Bronx Borough President's Office; City Council Member G. Oliver Koppell and Jamin Sewell, Office of Council Member Koppell; Mark Lanaghan, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Present were staff of DEP, DEP's construction manager, and members of the public. Attendees are listed on *Attachment 1*.

Welcome

Mr. McShane, CFMC Chairman, started the meeting at 7:07 pm. He explained that Father Gorman, Community Board #12, and Paul Foster, Community Board #7, were detained and could not be in attendance. The agenda is *Attachment 2*.

Pedestrian Bridge Resolution Update

Mr. McShane said that the resolution, calling for construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway, that was presented to and passed by the Croton FMC in May, was subsequently adopted by Community Board #8. CB #8 forwarded it to DEP Commissioner Holloway and to the Bronx City Council delegation; the resolution was mailed on May 25, 2010. He added that Community Board #12 passed a similar resolution, and Community Board #7 submitted a letter in support of the pedestrian bridge's construction. There has not been feedback on the resolution yet from city officials. If there are responses to the resolution over the summer, Mr. McShane will share them. Anne Marie Garti, Jerome Park Conservancy, requested a copy. Mr. McShane said the resolution is the same as was presented to the CFMC and can be downloaded from CB #8's web page. Martha Holstein, Construction Management, said the resolution is an attachment to the May CFMC meeting minutes and when adopted will be available on DEP's web page.

Karen Argenti, Bronx Council on Urban Environment, said that per ULURP resolution the pedestrian bridge feasibility report must be filed with the City Council and sent to its Land Use Committee. Mr. Koppell said that the pedestrian bridge funding will not be in the coming year's budget since negotiations are virtually complete. There was a discussion between Mr. Koppell and Mr. Lanaghan about funding and procedures for including the pedestrian bridge money in the capital budget. Mr. Koppell said that the capital funding could be allocated without being part of budget negotiations by action of the Administration. Mr. Lanaghan said that the city will have to find the money somewhere but if the bridge were a priority of the Mayor or the DEP Commissioner the money would be found. Either the baseline capital plan increases or the new project gets

funded from savings, reductions or deferments in other parts of the capital plan. Mr. Koppell encouraged the community to discuss the matter with him early next year to facilitate its becoming part of the city's capital plan.

Construction Update/Look-ahead (Attachment 3)

Bernard Daly, Croton Executive Project Manager, provided a 90 day look-ahead schedule and reviewed the status of the Croton contracts.

The CRO-312 contractors are continuing construction activities at the Van Cortlandt Park site. Structural concrete placement for the plant reached its 95% milestone at the end of April, 2010. Installation of masonry walls, precast concrete planks, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and HVAC work inside the plant are ongoing. Extensive utility work and retaining wall construction at the plant's entrance are underway. Mr. Daly pointed out the forecasted completion dates that have been added to the 90 day look-ahead chart as Mr. Koppell requested in May, 2010.

The CRO-313 tunnel contractor is completing installation of large diameter piping in the Treated Water Tunnels and will start work on the Raw Water and Treated Water Shafts shortly.

The CRO-312-OS contractor started preparation work for floor slab at Shaft and Meter Chamber and received delivery of large diameter piping which are been temporarily stored at the Demonstration Building. Ongoing intermittent work continues at Gate Houses and South Basin Ramp inside Jerome Park Reservoir. Construction fence for a new entrance has been installed at Gate House No. 1. At the JPR South Basin Ramp, the contractor excavated a section of the reservoir floor slab. It was decided that the ramp footings can be built without any rock removal. This will result in reduced community impacts since at the southern end of JPR there isn't room for a noise wall or similar buffer. Michael Gary, representing State Senator Espada, asked if South Basin ramp work started. Mr. Daly said that it began but subsequently was stopped; awaiting the evaluation of whether any rock removal was required.

The Contract CRO-315 work is substantially completed. As stated previously by Mr. Daly, there is currently no water in the Jerome Park Reservoir (JPR) basins and no chlorine at the site. The JPR basins will not be filled pending the New Croton Aqueduct (NCA) work under Contract CRO-334 (not part of the Croton Filter Plant construction). The CRO-334 contractor is currently accessing the city section of the NCA via Shaft 21 on top of the JPR dividing wall.

Thomas Farrell, Construction Manager said that test pits for the force main are virtually complete. DEP and the contractor are in consultation with Con Edison and other utilities about needed utility relocation. Water and sewer relocation will be required in some locations. Trolley tracks must be removed in a large stretch along Webster Ave. Force main installation may commence in late summer. The CFMC and community boards will receive further information about the contractor's schedule as it becomes available.

Ms. Argenti and Mr. Gary asked the status of the JPR public access report. Mr. McShane said he would contact DEP Commissioner Holloway. Mr. Lanaghan spoke generally about the report, indicating that it is very likely to recommend a pilot program of limited public access, but that it is not yet available. Ms. Garti questioned whether it will reflect the stakeholders' opinions. Mr. Lanaghan said he expected Peter Szabo's interviews to be part of the report. There was a request by Ms. Argenti to release Peter Szabo's report to the public.

#### DEP Jobs and Purchases

Mr. Lanaghan distributed a chart and gave a brief update on jobs (*Attachment 4*). He said that there are 21 students in the Carpenters Union/CityTech training that DEP has funded. He said that four people dropped out and one was dismissed. He soon expects to have a map showing the location of students' residences as requested by Mr. Foster. Ms. Argenti said there should be more than 21 students enrolled, adding that 40 people should comprise the class if it costs \$400,000.

Mr. Koppell noted that jobs in 2010 have declined by 5%. He said that this is disappointing, and asked the reason. Messrs. Lanaghan and Daly replied that some of the reduction may be attributable to having fewer laborers placing concrete at the Van Cortlandt Park site. Mr. Daly said that Local 731 may have more Bronx residents than other locals. Mr. Koppell said that, while he doesn't know all of the union rules, he hopes to have more Bronx residents working at Croton. Mr. Lanaghan said that the Croton contractors do not have Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) as did projects such as the Bronx Courthouse and Yankee Stadium. He added that the contractors working at Croton have been fairly cooperative in bringing on Bronx workers where possible, but it is voluntary. Gary Axelbank, area resident, said the project has been a failure going back to the beginning. The community was promised jobs and a more effective effort was promised.

Ms. Argenti said she went to the address of Perimeter Security and questioned whether it is a legitimate Bronx business. [Note: following the meeting, Mr. Daly asked the independent Integrity Monitor to investigate. On June 18, the Integrity Monitor sent an email, confirming that they had previously visited the business, interviewed the owner, and had reported to Mr. Daly that the business is a legitimate Bronx-based business.]

Mr. Gary requested a motion to have the Croton contractors actively solicit their workforce from the Bronx.

Robert Press, Community Board #8, asked for the number of workers who will operate the Croton Filter Plant when it is in operation. Mr. Daly said 56 employees will operate the plant. He added that DEP decided to use city workers and not contract out the operations. Mr. Koppell said the DEP decision to operate the plant with city employees is a positive step and should be announced.

Ms. Noon said she is working with Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation and DEP to get BOEDC union referrals to the Croton contractors. She added that she hopes additional Bronx-based carpenters can be hired at the site.

Mr. Press asked about the location of the closest fire house in case of fire or other emergency at the plant. Mr. Daly said that DEP is in regular and continuous contact with FDNY. Mr. McShane asked to have further discussions about fire protection in light of the potential closures of fire houses. Mr. Koppell replied that the closing of fire houses is a front burner issue for the City Council, and that by June 28 NYC's budget will be in place – with likely preservation of fire houses as a cornerstone of the new budget.

#### Adoption of CFMC Meeting Minutes

Mr. McShane asked for a motion to approve the May FMC meeting minutes. Ms. Noon made the motion. By a unanimous vote of the five representatives, the minutes were adopted.

#### CFMC Discussion

The CFMC decided to next meet if there are issues to discuss on August 19, 2010 at 7 pm.

Mr. McShane requested a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mr. Schoones. The representatives unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

6/17/2010

## NYC DEP - CROTON FMC

Attachment 1

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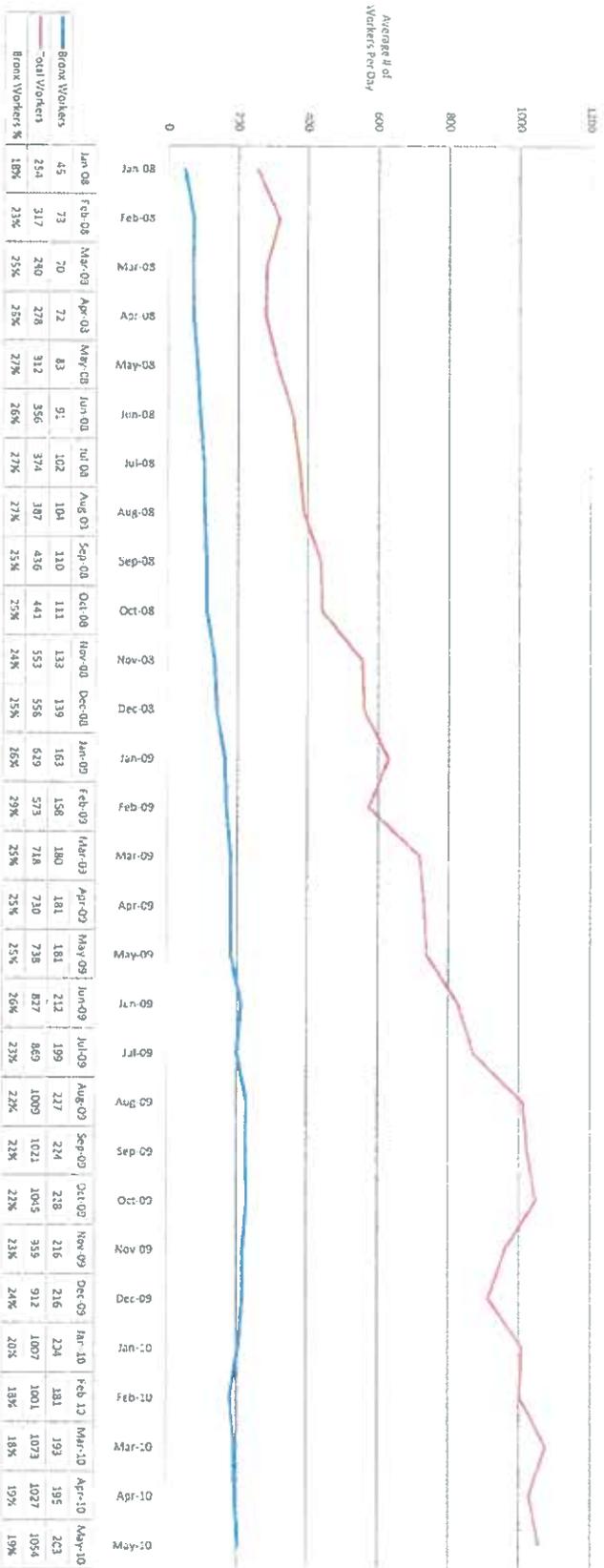
**Agenda**  
**Croton Facility Monitoring Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, June 17, 2010 – 7:00 PM  
DEP Community Office, 3660 Jerome Avenue, Bronx NY 10467

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| <b>I. Welcome</b>  | Damian McShane, Chairman                    |
| <b>II. Consider, Adopt 5/20/10 Meeting Minutes</b>   | CFMC Representatives                        |
| <b>III. Update on Pedestrian Bridge Resolution</b>   | Damian McShane                              |
| <b>IV. Construction Update and Look-ahead,<br/>Including Status of Force Main<br/>Construction</b> | Thomas Farrell, CM<br>for Bernard Daly, DEP |
| <b>V. Brief Update on Croton Jobs, Purchases<br/>Training</b>                                      | Mark Lanaghan                               |
| <b>VI. CFMC Discussion, Set Next Meeting</b>   | CFMC Representatives                        |
| <b>VII. Adjourn</b>  |   |

*Upon the Chairman's recognition, the CFMC invites members of the public to ask questions and make comments throughout the meeting*



CROTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
AND OFFSITE FACILITIES AT JEROME PARK RESERVOIR



Total Average Overall = 19% for CRO-112G, CRO-112E, CRO-112E2, CRO-312H, CRO-312P and CRO-312D5-G