

Memorandum

TO: Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee

FROM: Rebecca Kreatschman-MES

DATE: March 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Next meeting – April 20, 2021

The next meeting of the Hart-Miller Island Citizens Oversight Committee (HMI COC) will be held virtually on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via Microsoft Teams. The link and call-in number to the meeting will be accessible here at [maryland-dmmp](#).

Attached for your review is a copy of the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting.

FINAL DRAFT
SUMMARY OF HART-MILLER ISLAND
CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2021 – 6:30P
Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Baltimore County Seventh District: Paul Brylske (Chairman)

Baltimore County Sixth District: Karen Wynn

Citizens: George Banville, Travis Cooke

Maryland Department of Natural Resources: Bruce Michael

Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration: David Bibo,
Kristen Fidler, Thomas Hall, Margie Hamby, Katrina Jones, Holly Miller,
Amanda Peñafiel

Maryland Environmental Service: Kenna Oseroff, Lincoln Tracy, Lien Vu

North Point Peninsula Community Council: Fran Taylor

Sports Fishermen: Sam Weaver

Action Items:

- MDOT MPA will provide the final HMI IGA with the COC when it is finalized. (*see attached HMI IGA Overview/Summary*)
- DNR will contact Mr. Joseph Walters with the North Point-Edgemere Volunteer Fire Department to discuss their emergency response plan.
- Mr. Brylske will provide an update on the HMI Friends group at the next meeting
- MDOT MPA will provide an exterior monitoring matrix at the April 2020 meeting. The draft matrix will be reviewed with the Chairman in March 2020.

1.0 Welcome & Opening Remarks

Paul Brylske, Chair

Due to COVID and meeting cancellations the approval of the January 2020 meeting summary was overlooked. All members approved the January 2020 and November 2020 meeting summaries.

2.0 North Cell/South Cell Updates

Lincoln Tracy

North Cell

Mr. Tracy informed the committee that MES Operations is maintaining pond elevation at 37.5 ft. Spillways 007 & 009 are opened periodically to release precipitation. The perimeter trench is being advanced toward the interior to manage slopes.

South Cell

Spillway 003 is operated to maintain the cell elevation at 18.5 ft.

3.0 Status of HMI Exterior Monitoring

Kristen Fidler

Ms. Fidler acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Committee regarding concerns related to the discontinuation of MPA's 35-year voluntary exterior monitoring activities. MDOT MPA shares the same goals as the Committee, recognizing the importance of transparency and proactive

measures to ensure health of public and environment, and understands the value to continue the community trust that has been achieved over the years.

Ms. Fidler noted that at this time monitoring and sampling efforts at HMI will continue, while we work together on an agreed-upon approach moving forward. This monitoring includes: groundwater monitoring, discharge monitoring at the North Cell spillways, subaquatic vegetation (SAV), and nutrients.

Mr. Michael noted that DNR collects samples during extreme high flow events from the Susquehanna River which generate sediment plumes usually during the spring. Additional samples could potentially be collected near HMI during these monitoring events if additional funding was provided.

Ms. Fidler explained that a matrix will be developed to capture the various sampling, reporting and monitoring efforts currently underway and will identify any potential data gaps between the Exterior Monitoring program and those various other efforts. Additionally, MDOT MPA will compose a brief synopsis document detailing the annual monitoring results to be shared as an outreach tool for the Committee members. Mr. Brylske will be briefed in March/early April and a presentation will be provided to the Committee during the April 20, 2021 meeting.

The Committee requested a commitment on future monitoring when the site is turned over to DNR. Specific triggers for continued monitoring should be identified for both natural and storm related events.

Committee members encouraged that a communications plan be developed to keep communities informed, even if the Committee transitions solely to the Friends of HMI.

4.0 Friends of Hart Miller Island

Paul Brylske

Mr. Brylske announced that the Friends of HMI are officially incorporated as a non-profit organization and officers have been appointed. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021. It is anticipated that DNR will be involved and present to discuss the transition to a Park.

A future “clean-up” event may be scheduled. The Friends want to expand current programs, emphasize education and recreation opportunities at HMI, grow membership and fundraise to support programs.

5.0 Administration

David Bibo

Mr. Bibo announced 2021 meetings schedule as follows:

- January 19, 2021
- April 20, 2021
- May 18, 2021: Site Tour (Tentative)
- July 20, 2021
- September 21, 2021: Site Tour (Tentative)
- October 19, 2021

If the site tours are cancelled due to continuing COVID safety protocols, no meeting will be held. Meeting was adjourned.