

From: O'Connell, Gary
To: mike@gaffneyhomes.com; tfrederick@rivanna.org;
cc: Bentley, Terry;
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009 12:48:02 PM

See you all then !!
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From: Mike Gaffney <mike@gaffneyhomes.com>
To: O'Connell, Gary; tfrederick@rivanna.org <tfrederick@rivanna.org>
Cc: Bentley, Terry
Sent: Thu Nov 19 11:24:36 2009
Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

[9:30 at Java Java works for me](#)

From: O'Connell, Gary [<mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org>]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 10:06 AM
To: tfrederick@rivanna.org
Cc: Mike Gaffney; Bentley, Terry
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

How about 9:30 somewhere close to downtown ?
I suggest java java on the mall, or somewhere else that works better for the two of you. .

Does that work for you all.

I have a 10:30 at city hall to get to.
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From: Tom Frederick <tfrederick@rivanna.org>
To: O'Connell, Gary
Cc: mike@gaffneyhomes.com <mike@gaffneyhomes.com>
Sent: Thu Nov 19 07:58:11 2009
Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

I am available anytime before 8:30

From: O'Connell, Gary [mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:31 AM
To: tfrederick@rivanna.org
Cc: mike@gaffneyhomes.com
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

I can do earlier if that works
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From: Tom Frederick <tfrederick@rivanna.org>
To: O'Connell, Gary
Cc: mike@gaffneyhomes.com <mike@gaffneyhomes.com>
Sent: Thu Nov 19 07:19:52 2009
Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
I'm available between 9:30 and 10:30 but not in the afternoon.

From: O'Connell, Gary [mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 8:40 PM
To: tfrederick@rivanna.org
Cc: mike@gaffneyhomes.com
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

I saw Mike tonight at the Chamber dinner.

We talked about me trying to join you all at a friday meet.

I just can't do

I can do anything prior to 10:30 (but can't start day at 7 just yet) or anytime noon on.

Let me know if any of this works for you all.

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From: Tom Frederick <tfrederick@rivanna.org>

To: O'Connell, Gary

Cc: Mueller, Judy; mike@gaffneyhomes.com <mike@gaffneyhomes.com>

Sent: Wed Nov 18 17:22:13 2009

Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
We have worked on this schedule since you initially requested it but also indicated to you it can not be a final product without input from the new designer, since each engineer approaches project timing in a somewhat different way. Our first request to Schnabel after they were hired was to develop their project schedule, and we have since had two rounds of staff review of their proposed schedule with editing. Their schedule was not completed as a follow-up to our second review until last week. With the completion of Board reports by our Engineering staff for the meeting next week, I have asked the staff to complete the inputs into the template we have already developed and share with Ms. Mueller so that we can wrap this up for you. I have already asked it be completed by next week.

I want to be as responsive to you as I can and hope this doesn't sound like an excuse, but I sense a communication disconnect between us regarding the extent that we must understand and rely on our designer (Schnabel) in presenting you a schedule. In June we dismissed Gannett Fleming which limited our ability to finish this until we got a new designer on board. I will stay on top of this to see it now gets completed.

There are other staff issues I may need to discuss with the Board at some point. Our engineering staff is feeling very high levels of stress with all the public issues and added expectations (with no additional resources), and the most senior member of that team just announced he will go on VRIP retirement next summer (I won't explain his reasons here but you can call me). This will be a very tough position to refill in any environment, much less the current political environment. At some point I may be asking the Board for more resources if this is going to continue.

From: O'Connell, Gary [<mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 3:59 PM
To: tfrederick@rivanna.org
Cc: Mueller, Judy; mike@gaffneyhomes.com
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

Where is the schedule and timeline of all actions that need to be taken ??

I am not going forward on anything until I get this. I requested it in June formally, earlier than that informally.

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From: Tom Frederick <tfrederick@rivanna.org>
To: O'Connell, Gary
Sent: Wed Nov 18 14:18:28 2009
Subject: FW: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
I just talked to Chris. He stated he will stop pursuing discussion with City Councilors but will contact you to talk with you directly. He also advised that he has already met with Sally Thomas and Ken Boyd, and that Sally brought Kristen Szakos with her. He has not met with the existing Councilors. I also asked him to talk with Bob Tucker.

Chris also brought to our attention early this week that when they evaluated the details of the test trench excavation work that they will need as part of the current geotechnical services, they discovered that they cannot get the work done without disturbing more than 10,000 square feet of land area (which is the County limit for requiring an erosion and sediment control permit). They had not previously reported to us that this was a permit they needed. I pushed back hard to pursue a way to get under the limit, but Chris just told me they can't. The County permit application for this will require a signature from the City as land owner. This erosion control permit will be for doing geotechnical work including the test trenches, this is not construction of the dam. Please let me know if this is a problem for you.

From: Tom Frederick [mailto:tfrederick@rivanna.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 2:01 PM
To: 'O'Connell, Gary'; 'Mueller, Judy'
Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

I will let him know. Thanks!

From: O'Connell, Gary [mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 1:51 PM
To: tfrederick@rivanna.org; Mueller, Judy
Subject: Re: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

I suggest he talk with you and the Board members first. He is a consultant to rivanna, not the City Council. He's entering a game he does not understand and I do not want to have to clean up after him

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From: Tom Frederick <tfrederick@rivanna.org>
To: O'Connell, Gary; Mueller, Judy
Sent: Wed Nov 18 09:31:09 2009
Subject: RE: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
This was something that Chris Webster wanted to do on his own – it was not endorsed by the Authority.

From: O'Connell, Gary [mailto:oconnell@charlottesville.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Mueller, Judy; tfrederick@rivanna.org
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam

What don't they start with the Board member first ?

Tom - were you aware of this ?

Have you been briefed Judy ?

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From: David Brown <dbrowndc@gmail.com>
To: O'Connell, Gary
Sent: Wed Nov 18 08:33:13 2009
Subject: Fwd: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
Gary,

What do you think of this idea?

Hope you are feeling well. Rest up and get your strength back...you are gonna need it!

David

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From: **Chris Webster** <owebster@schnabel-eng.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 13, 2009 at 3:17 PM
Subject: Meeting to discuss the existing Lower Ragged Mountain Dam
To: dbrowndc@gmail.com

Good Afternoon Dr. Brown,
It was a pleasure speaking with you this afternoon. As a follow up to our conversation, I am sending this email to summarize my suggestion for a meeting to discuss the condition of the Lower Ragged Mountain Dam, prior to Schnabel submitting a proposal to provide an engineering evaluation of the existing dam. I understand that Councilor Edwards may also be available to join in that meeting and I welcome that opportunity to speak with you both together. Note that it is my intention to reach out to all of the City council members and County supervisors with this same suggestion.

I anticipate that the meeting would take somewhere between 30 and 60 minutes.

This coming week I am available on Monday, Nov. 16 up until about 1:30 pm, and am also available on the mornings of Nov. 18, 19, and 20. Let me know if any of those timeframes work. Note that I am also available most evenings if after-work hours are preferable.

I would be glad to meet with you both at Schnabel's office on Avon Court (across from Edgecomb's Volvo) or any other location that is convenient for you. Feel free to contact me at my office number listed below or on my cell phone, 531-2565.

Best regards,
Chris Webster

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