



October 31, 2018

Ms. Janet Barnett
Old Town Business and Professional Association
P.O. Box 1294
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Subject: RiverRenew Stakeholder Advisory Group Nomination for Alexandria Business Group

Dear Ms. Barnett:

Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew), with support from the City of Alexandria (City), is leading the planning, design, and construction of RiverRenew, a major infrastructure initiative in Alexandria to reduce discharges of sewage mixed with rainwater into our local waterways. RiverRenew features a deep tunnel system coupled with upgrades to AlexRenew's Water Resource Recovery Facility to capture and treat the additional flows delivered during rain events.

In order to inform and engage the Alexandria citizenry, AlexRenew and the City are establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) to review and monitor RiverRenew's progress. These volunteers will be a balanced and diverse group of citizens from neighborhoods, businesses, and community groups who are committed to active engagement in the stakeholder process. We are seeking individuals who are committed to attendance and will serve as ambassadors, reaching out to neighbors and constituents to receive and share input. One of the main focus areas in developing the RiverRenew SAG is to ensure representation from neighborhoods that will be directly impacted by the proposed work. As such, we are seeking one (1) nominee from an Alexandria business group to serve on the SAG.

Community representatives will play a critical role in one of the largest infrastructure initiatives in Alexandria's history. Members of the SAG will:

- Meet on an as-needed basis, anticipated to be monthly, with meetings starting in January 2019 and continuing through mid-2020;
- Review and monitor program progress and provide diverse perspectives;
- Serve as spokespeople for RiverRenew in the community and leverage existing networks to communicate progress;
- Receive input from the public and represent community perspectives at meetings; and
- Provide recommendations regarding mitigation of community impacts.

We are requesting nominations be submitted to the City Manager and AlexRenew General Manager by December 1, 2018. The City Council resolution that establishes the SAG is provided as Attachment A. If you or your members have questions regarding this group or the nomination

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process, please reach out to Caitlin Feehan, RiverRenew Program Manager, at caitlin.feehan@alexrenew.com or (703) 549-3381 ext. 2205.

Many thanks to you and the members of the Old Town Business and Professional Association for your continued support for RiverRenew and your investment in the Alexandria community. We look forward to working with you in improving Alexandria's waterways.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Pallansch".

Karen Pallansch
AlexRenew General Manager

Copy: Mark Jinks, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
Liliana Maldonado, RiverRenew Director
Caitlin Feehan, RiverRenew Program Manager

Attachment: 19-1198 – Consideration of a Resolution to Establish a Stakeholder Advisory Group
in Support of RiverRenew