

**Water and sewer project monthly status call (03/13/2025)**  
**AI-generated meeting summary (with some human edits for clarity)**

**1- Quick recap**

The meeting focused on discussing ongoing communication issues, project updates, and restoration work for a water and sewer project. Participants, including project coordinators, community liaisons, and engineers, addressed concerns about timelines, transparency, and specific site issues such as streetlights and bus stops. The team agreed to continue working on improving communication and addressing raised issues, with a follow-up meeting scheduled for mid-April to review progress.

**2- Next steps**

- Hadi to investigate and repair broken tree guards at 250 Park Place, 267 Park Place, 673 Vanderbilt Avenue (Park Place side), and 289 Park Place.
- Hadi to coordinate with National Grid to repair asphalt patches on sidewalks in May.
- Hadi to follow up with DOT regarding the streetlight repair at 248 Park Place.
- Hadi to ensure the traffic light at the corner of Park and Underhill is reinstalled during May restoration work.
- Hadi to ensure MTA is notified about completion of Vanderbilt Avenue restoration to reactivate bus stops on Vanderbilt Avenue by the end of April.
- Shernell to follow up with residents regarding updates on bus service resumption.
- Hadi to investigate and ensure removal of construction debris from the rain garden at 333 Park Place.
- Teddy to chair the next meeting on Tuesday, April 15th at 7 PM.

**3- Meeting Discussion Summary**

**New Attendees**

In the meeting, Marc welcomed new attendees from DDC, including Maria Centeno, the Director of Community Outreach at DDC, and Teresa Smith, the Deputy Director of Communications and Policy. Theo, a journalist, joined the meeting for research on rat problems in urban renewal.

**Project Update and Timeline Discussion**

Marc expressed concerns about the project timeline and transparency, and asked Hadi and Shernell to provide an update. Hadi, the project engineer, reported that they have completed the 42-inch sewer in Park Place between Carlton and Vanderbilt, and the 36-inch sewer between Vanderbilt and Underhill. They have also completed the 24-inch and 20-inch water mains. One section of water main in the intersection of Vanderbilt Avenue and Park Place remains to be completed, but there will be no water shutdown impact.

**Vanderbilt and Park Intersection Work Progress**

Marc and Hadi discussed the progress and future steps of the work in the intersection of Park and Vanderbilt. Hadi explained that they are currently working on the west side of the intersection, installing a 36-inch sewer and bulkheading it. Once completed, they plan to switch the traffic to the west side and continue with the sewer work on the east side. This is expected to be finished within six weeks, by the end of April. Denise raised a concern about the storage area on Park Place, which has extended further to Vanderbilt, causing a loss of parking spaces. Hadi assured that the storage area will be demobilized and moved within six weeks. Marc asked and Hadi confirmed that the concrete road base work will also be done within the six-week timeframe.

### **Asphalt Patch Restoration Issues Discussed**

Marc and Hadi discussed the restoration issues raised in the last meeting. Hadi clarified that the asphalt patch on sidewalks was the responsibility of other utility companies, and he would send an update in a separate email. Hadi also mentioned that the work in a corner of Underhill and Park had been done before them, but the permits were not released in time. He planned to talk to the inspector to determine how the national grid crew would fix the issue. Although the official schedule calls for restoration work to be completed by end of June, Hadi expressed his belief that, weather permitting, it will be completed by the end of May.

### **Streetlight and Traffic Light Issues**

Marc raised concerns about the long-standing issue of a streetlight at 248 Park Place being out of order. Hadi confirmed that they had contacted 311 to fix the issue but no one had shown up yet. Hadi promised to keep pushing for a resolution. Marc also brought up the issue of a traffic light at the corner of Park and Underhill, which has been out of commission for a couple of years. Hadi assured that it would be fixed as part of the restoration work in May. Marc also mentioned a temporary streetlight installation at the corner of Park and Vanderbilt, which Hadi confirmed would be permanently reinstalled as part of the electric work. The issue of bus stops on Vanderbilt Avenue was also discussed, with Hadi assuring that they would be reactivated before the end of the restoration period in May or June.

### **Other Restoration Items Discussion**

- Den, Hadi, Sharon, discussed a rain garden at 333 Park which had been damaged by dumping of construction materials.
- Robin raised concerns about the restoration of damaged tree bed guards, and Marc mentioned that Shernell's previous response was that further investigation was needed. Hadi assured that any damaged tree guards would be fixed. Robin also brought up an issue with a damaged tree guard at 289 Park, which Hadi agreed to look into.

### **Schedule Next Monthly Update Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 7 PM. Teddy Theoharis will chair that meeting in Marc's absence.

### **Attendees:**

- DDC: Maria Centeno, Teresa Smith, Mary Rose Robbins, Shernell Pemberton, Hadi Elhashash
- Residents: Marc Gordon, Ed Regan, Dee Regan, Joe Ostwald, Adrian Gately, Denise Marbury, Den Gordon, Robin Ketchum, Sharon Combs, Teddy Theoharis
- Guest: Theo Lim-Jisra