

Comments Received at South Street Public Meeting on January 25, 2018

On January 25, 2018, a public meeting took place at the Dr. Carrie Robinson Center regarding the South Street testing site. The public was asked to comment on what they would like to see on the site in the future. The following are their responses:

Clean up site

- Please clean it up. Stop doing all this talking about it and do something.
- Clean up the site and no park. No homes should be built on that site.

Cap solution

- The option of removing the top 2 feet of sludge and using the property as a park seems like a good choice to me.
- Please clean up the site. I think the cheapest and most beneficial plan would be to cap the site and make it a walking trail.
- Clean the site up. Remove all trees and cover with a slab of concrete. No homes should be built on that site.

Remove all sludge

- Stop the testing and fix it by removing all the sludge from the site, then test water.
- We want the City to get it all out.
- Please take it all out of the ground and make it safe.
- Please remove all the contaminated soil and replace it with safe soil. Thank you.
- Remove all of the toxic sludge.
- Please remove the sludge.
- To the City, please take it all out of the ground and make it safe for your families.
- I think the City doesn't have enough information about the issue to so quickly draw the conclusions that are being shared with the public. The way they're going about this is scaring the community and they don't have answers to the questions we're asking. I feel that the sludge needs to be completely cleared out and the soil replaced to ensure the safety of the children, adults, and elderly who frequent that "lot." I feel the numbers are being misrepresented by the amount and units of arsenic so that it doesn't look so bad to the community.

No playground

- No playground. NO NO NO
- Please do not build anything on the lots. We do not need a playground. Thanks.
- No playground.

Health concerns

- I have lived at the address above all my life starting in 1965. I was at the age of six years old during this time. I have found that all the old people that were older than me have died out but all had some form

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of cancer. My mother and father had cancer so there has to be something in this water that's not right. For all these people to have cancer, there has to be something wrong here.

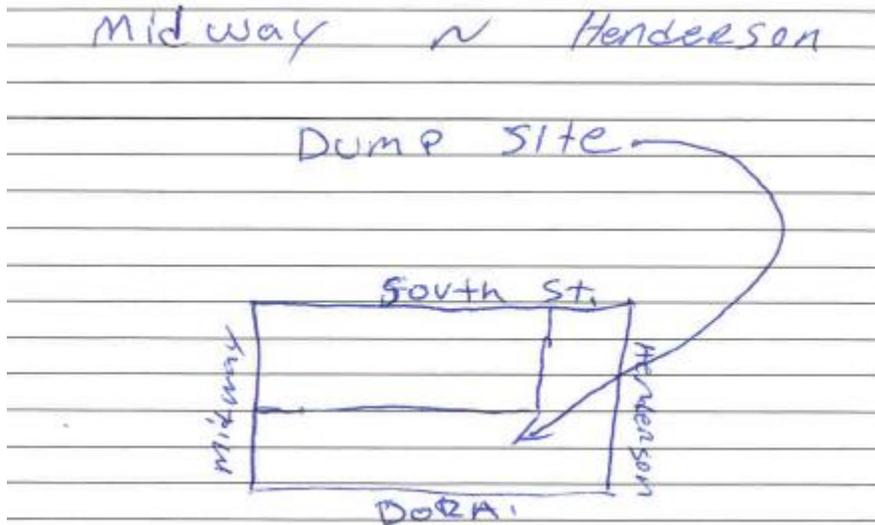
- I don't think that it is right that kids and parents are dying from this toxic waste. My boys are very sick. I am too. Something should be done about it. It's not right. Something needs to be done. Please help us.

Miscellaneous

- The presentation was a great start to explaining the reasons we all met on this date. However, it seems to be based on very narrow point of view/limited facts. I would like to see a much wider/larger group of facts from outside officials. A re-interpretation of the facts, a re-look at the assessment from a different group of professionals. Thanks.
- It should be interesting to see how much this will affect the community. If higher levels of arsenic are found, this will surely be taken to court.
- The people in this community want to be taken care of. Stop spending taxpayer money to try and shift the blame. Take care of these people like you would take care of your parents/grandparents/children. People's lives are at risk and really it seems like the City only cares about proving their innocence.
- I live in front of the Lash Land. I believe that something should be done right now not 20 years from now. I think that some of this lying should be stopped. The City knows and we know that it's wrong. Let's fix it or let's forget about this ridiculous on and on and nothing is done. I've been there 35 years waiting for this. Please understand where I am coming from. Thank you.
- I watched the news clip. I'm trying to understand the purpose of the meeting. Getting loud and out of order is definitely not the answer. The displays around the room are simply the same things I observed watching the video. We need to bring closure to this meeting and discuss the final scene.
- I don't appreciate the attitude I received at the door when I signed in. The women there were rude and entitled. I also didn't see much data on the drinking water analysis. Why?
- What are we trying to prove? I know there is a problem in the City. Can we fix it? Sure we can if we all work together. Christian, Lawyer, Doctor, let's break the racial barrier. We have children and grandchildren. They need to know where we stand as a community. Let us come together and ask God to control our actions. Revival is needed among all of us, so let's get started. Pastor, Chief, Sheriff, City and County Teacher, are you ready? Don't be afraid to call on God for help.
- With the one tested sample of water from site, what is the measurement of land area that it came from? Are there any buyers for this site for family housing since this test was taken? All options are not good ones because when you have a park, there should be water fountains, meaning digging and providing plumbing for drinking by visitors. Who would drink from these wells? All options are really not satisfactory, but leaving it as is should not be listed as one since the City did dump it there.
- I would like to know: 1) what testing has been done when you first found out that the land had arsenic? Arsenic was found back in the 1960's. What has been done to treat it? 2) Now that you are all saying the land is safe, who will make it safe now? 3) What are you all planning on doing with the land? It's taking you all much too long to take care of this problem. I went to the meeting. I saw nothing new, I was told nothing new. I am not happy with the outcome over this problem that has been going on for years.
- To whom it may concern (City of Fort Myers): As a home owner and a tax payer, I have a well on my property and you all never checked it out. To find any finding, my driveway was covered up in 2012. At

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that time, we covered the well. Being that this is a City problem, you all should pay to uncover my well. I live right in front of this mess and you all knew this years ago and kept the neighborhood in the blind. How is that right?



Based on the comments above from community members, the city has evaluated the public input and will coordinate cleanup with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The city will provide the information and proposal for cleanup for submission to the city council. When the cleanup is completed, FDEP will conduct one final inspection/test to ensure no sludge is left behind when the cleanup is approved and completed.