



May 6, 2019

**To All Residents In Neighborhoods Without Natural Gas:**

As you know, the voting window for the natural gas opportunity closed at 5:00 PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all of you that voted. The results of the voting as of that time are shown in the table below.

517	Homes Eligible	
370	Votes Cast	71.57%
<b>147</b>	<b>Not Voted</b>	<b>28.43%</b>

"Yes" Votes--209 (56.5%)  
 "No" Votes--161 (43.5%)

Unfortunately, as you see, we did not attain the 258 votes that were the minimum required for the project to go forward at the target maximum cost per home of \$4,700. That said, for the votes that were cast, 56% committed to connect to natural gas if it were available, while 44% declined to participate in the opportunity. However, there were 28% of the homes (147) in the affected neighborhoods that did not vote at all.

As the new SWCA logo says, "Preserving and Enhancing Our Community" is the focus of SWCA. This project fits ideally within that charter. We do not want to let the 209 people that would like to have gas installed in their home down by not having enough interest to make sure the project goes forward. It is obviously important to those who have said "yes", and we believe it will be of benefit Shadow Wood-wide over the coming years to help attract new home buyers. Getting the main line installation done now also makes sure the option is available for others (those that do not get connected now) to get connected at a later date.

During the voting window, we heard many concerns about the timing of the vote and the fact that many residents were distracted by either preparing to depart for the summer months, or had already left. With 147 votes still not cast, there are potentially more residents that might be interested in having gas brought into their homes. **WE ARE THEREFORE EXTENDING THE VOTING WINDOW ANOTHER TWO WEEKS THROUGH MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>.** This will give those residents who have not voted a chance to indicate their interest if they want to have natural gas installed in their homes. In parallel, the Study Team is going to meet with TECO to see what we can jointly do to make the project a "GO". With 209 residents willing to commit to be hooked up to the new gas lines, we now have some definitive data to leverage our case with TECO. Hopefully, with some cost reductions and/or additional incentives from TECO and more Shadow Wood residents committing to get connected, we will reach a point where the project can proceed. We will keep you posted of any improvements we are able to negotiate with TECO. Please watch your email inbox for any updates.

We encourage those residents who have not voted to do so now. [Click here](#) to be taken to the voting website. For those that are undecided, we encourage you to talk to your neighbors to see why they committed to bring gas into their homes. If you delayed or voted "NO" because you were unsure of how many residents might ultimately be in favor of installing gas, you now see the strong desire on the part of many of your neighbors. For those that might have voted "NO" but would like to change your vote in order to avoid the 25% premium charge to connect at a future date, you may do so by sending a short email to [admin@swcathome.com](mailto:admin@swcathome.com) simply stating your desire to change your vote to "YES".

Please give this opportunity strong and thoughtful consideration. It is not likely that we will have another opportunity to bring natural gas into these neighborhoods in the future.

**The Natural Gas Study Team**