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## MINUTES

### **Kinni Corridor Project Committee Meeting**

Thursday, August 3, 2017

4-5:30 p.m.

City Hall – Training Room

The Kinni Corridor Committee met on August 3, 2017. Those in attendance included Lisa Moody, Patricia LaRue, Dave Fodroczi, Adam Myszewski, Jason Egerstrom, Rick Bowen, Buddy Lucero, Susan Reese, Kevin Westhuis, Gary Horvath, Rita Kozak, Amy Peterson, Chris Blasius, Reid Wronski, Dan Toland, Sean Downing, Ismael Martinez, and Mark Lobermeier.

Buddy Lucero called the meeting to order.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes from June 22, 2017 and June 29, 2017 were presented and approved.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **1. Public Comment**

There was no comment from the public in attendance.

##### **2. Committee Member Check-in: Questions, comments, items not on the agenda**

Rita indicated that the poster session was well appreciated and also noted some good email messages. Chris informed the Committee that the downtown businesses would be meeting with Mark and Bob on Thursday August 10. Amy informed the Committee about the Glen Park input session scheduled for 6:30 on August 16.

##### **3. Tech Talk no. 5 – Committee Reaction**

Some committee members thought there needed to be more balanced discussion of alternatives with the dams left in, and more developed on Lake George Restoration. Some are hearing that the decision may already be made.

##### **4. Poster Session Discussion**

Dan liked all the boards and the cost estimates/projections were great. Dave agreed that everyone had been waiting for some numbers to react to.

Patricia mentioned the City's Electric Fund balance established by resolution in January 2015 to fund future projects.

Kevin echoed the remarks, advocating for the sharing of more facts.

5. Scenario 5 – Exemption

Mark explained that Julie had found an option where by the City could apply for an exemption from the FERC licensing process. After further review, the exemption requires a capital investment in the hydro facilities before an exemption would even be considered. For that reason, this scenario is not going to be pursued.

6. Tech Talk #6 – September 7: Recreation and Toursim

Mark Lobermeier led a discussion that included potential presenters including Lisa Clarke from Rochester MN (Destination Medical Center) and SEH's Ed Freer and/or Bob Kost. The committee agreed that at least one of the speakers needs to focus on River Falls specifically. Rick and Reid commented on conflicts in the corridor including but not limited to fishing and kayaking. The Committee shred ideas on how to find and communicate the delicate balance.

Scot voiced his preference for a speaker with local knowledge. Some ideas included a member of the Chamber or downtown business group. Other felt that the focus is too much on trout and kayaks and not enough on the other amenities and opportunities in the community. Amy offered the idea of outdoor recreation planners with the National Park Service in the Twin Cities. Cathy Wurzer's name was also thrown out.

7. Schedule Discussion – Additional Meetings

The Committee agreed with Mark's recommendation to hold two additional Committee Meetings, one on August 24 and one on October 5.

8. Draft Tech Memos

Dave and Gary mentioned that the tables in the TRC memo are out of date and need to be refreshed.

9. Planning Frameworks

Mark mentioned that the Frameworks have been returned to the City staff for comments and will be presented at the next Committee meeting.

10. Recommended Documents for Committee Review

Mark requested that for the next meeting that the Committee focus on the sediment report prepared by Inter-Fluve for the City in 2016.

11. The Meeting adjourned at about 5:35 pm