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Lilydale Regional Park Task Force May 6, 2010

RE: Update since April 8, 2010 Task Force Meeting

Work has been continuing with Lilydale Regional Park since our last Task Force Meeting on April 8th. I would like to share this progress with you. Please find a summary below:

Task Force Representation:

I contacted those identified for Task Force representation. Richard Arey confirmed his interest in participating as a Transportation representative. Dawn Clawson will represent Rivers Edge Academy and Matt Osborn for Humbolt High School. Peter Kramer will be the Local Business representative with the Saint Paul Yacht Club and Craig David will represent Public Artist. (John Traxler declined and Lee Jay Nelson never confirmed interest.)

After reviewing historical research done for the area surrounding Lilydale, it appears that currently no specific actions or sites have been identified as having cultural significance for Native Americans within the park. However, if stories or more information emerges, then we may have to consider including Native American representation. At this point, I propose thinking about "Cultural Representation" as we begin to think about interpretive elements within the park. Please consider this and let me know your thoughts.

Environmental Clean Up:

The documents for Environmental Clean Up are currently on schedule. The plans were submitted to the City of Saint Paul and the City of Lilydale for Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permits. The Saint Paul Zoning Commission will be having a public hearing on May 27th at 3:30 pm. This meeting is in the Council Chambers of City Hall (3rd Floor). This is a public hearing and it is always nice to have public provide support for the project. Please consider attending. I will not be able to attend, but my supervisor, Don Ganje, will be attending in my place.

Process for Alternates

After the last Task Force Meeting, a question arose about alternates. I propose the following guidelines for alternates. Please review the process below and we will briefly discuss at the next Task Force Meeting.

It is my intention to make information available in a draft form to the task force a week before the scheduled meeting. This will allow time for review prior to the scheduled meeting. If a Task Force member will not be able to attend a meeting, I would encourage



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them to contact myself or the co-chairs (Grit Younquist and Bob Spaulding) to address any questions or concerns regarding items listed on the agenda. If a vote will be occurring at a Task Force meeting and members can not attend, they may email their voting preference to the co-chairs or myself prior to the meeting.

Road Turn Back Discussions

Public Works is actively pursuing road turn back negotiations with Dakota and Ramsey County. Currently, these negotiations are on track and Task Force support is not required at this point. If something arises and Task Force supported is required, I will be in contact with the group. Discussions regarding future roadway design, maintenance and operational aspects will be addressed at the next Task Force Meeting.

Re-Use of Trees removed for Environmental Clean Up

A fellow task force member passed along information to me regarding a company called "Wood from the Hood". Wood from the Hood produces high quality lumber and other wood products from the Twin Cities area "Urban Forest". I initially contacted them because I thought it would be great to use reclaimed lumber for the construction of the future picnic shelter, tables and benches in the park. However, after meeting with them on site, it was determined that the majority of the trees are Box Elder, Silver Maple and Ash are unusable for exterior building material. They will be able to reuse some of the trees for wood turning and other small wood projects such as cribbage boards. They plan on doing some site clearing and tree removal a few days before the environmental cleanup work will occur.

Facebook Site

The idea of developing an internet networking site for the Lilydale Task Force was suggested at the last task force meeting. I discussed this idea with the Public Information Officer and it was determined that the City currently only utilizes Facebook and Twitter. Therefore, I will be establishing a Facebook site for Lilydale Regional Park Task Force Members and we can assess if this provides a good venue to share ideas and feedback. Please note; the City of Saint Paul website and email group will still be the main means of task force communication, including meeting notifications. A follow up email will be sent once the Facebook site is completed.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. The co-chairs can also be reached at:

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I look forward to seeing you all the next Task Force Meeting.

Sincerely,



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