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**Lilydale Regional Park Design Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes – July 22, 2010
Wellstone Center Room 212**

Meeting Attendees:

Bob Spaulding, Jon Kerr, Monica Bryand, Tess Rizzardi, Grit Youngquist, Dawn Clawson, Cy Kosel, Gjerry Berquist, Kathy Farnell, Kathy Stack, Mary Jackson, Craig David, Siobhan Dugan and Alice Messer

Task Force Attendees:

Bob Spaulding, Jon Kerr, Monica Bryand, Tess Rizzardi, Grit Youngquist, Dawn Clawson, Gjerry Berquist, Craig David, Jim Ingmenson

A. Bob Spaulding welcomed new Task Force members and provided summary of meeting agenda.

B. Grit Youngquist asked Task Force to develop Group Agreements to be respected for each meeting. These include:

- 1) Provide information ahead of time (two weeks minimum) to allow for proper review
- 2) Stay on agenda – having “parking lot” for items that need further discussion and follow-up with later (Co-chairs to help keep discussion on task with agenda)
- 3) Use Meeting Wizard to schedule Task Force meetings as far in advance as possible
- 4) As much as possible have other departments involved/effecting Lilydale Regional Park decisions attend meetings (e.g. Public Works)
- 5) Allow time for adequate discussion and try to achieve consensus
- 6) Respect everyone – even in times of disagreement
- 7) Listen without interruption

C. Alice Messer provided update on Follow Up Items from April 2010 Task Force meeting.

- a. Vote on Alternate process. Discussion regarding Alternate process and on ability for voting task force members to cast their vote prior to meeting if unable to attend. After lengthy discussion it was determined (4 in favor, 3 opposed) that only those Task Force members present at task force meeting are able to vote. (Note: Co-Chairs did not vote.) This will allow for voting members to hear and participate in discussions that occur directly at the task force meeting regarding the issue at hand prior to a vote occurring. Meeting Wizard will be utilized to schedule upcoming task force meetings in efforts to find a date that works best



with all Task Force members schedule. No alternates will be accepted if a Task Force member can not attend a meeting.

- b. Mary Jackson a planner with Dakota County provided an update on road turn-back negotiations. She indicated that a turn back decision would be completed in October as Council decisions would be required for both Counties. Discussion followed on how road turn back decision will affect the character of the park and impact future roadway design issues. The first task force meeting associated with roadway and picnic shelter design will be focused on discussing goals and objectives of roadway design, sizing of picnic shelter and associated parking lots.
- c. Update on RFP currently out for design of roadway and picnic shelter. Proposals are due July 30th. Once a consultant is on board, the first task force meeting discussing goals and objectives of the roadway will occur. A preliminary task force meeting schedule was presented with design process beginning mid September and concluding February 2011 with final design plans for roadway and picnic shelter completed.
- d. Update on Parks Conservancy funds received. Parks and Recreation recently received \$100,000 from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy to begin construction documents for the design of the stone entrance gateway to Lilydale Regional Park.

D. Alice Messer provided update on Environmental Cleanup Issues

- a. Alice provided overview of environmental cleanup locations identified at Marina Demolition Site and Lilydale Park Dump Site. Discovery of asbestos and high levels of lead discovered at the Lilydale Park Dump Site resulted in change to environmental cleanup approach. No longer able to remove contaminated material at Dump Site, instead will compress pile and cap with required 4' fill.
- b. Revised environmental cleanup approach focused on cleanup at the Marina Demolition Site where reused material is sorted, crushed and stockpiled onsite for future capping at Lilydale Park Dump Site.
- c. As bid alternate, environmental cleanup plans will address complete removal of asbestos containing material from future roadway base at Park Dump Site and replace with stockpiled material from Marina Demolition Site. This phase of construction will occur this fall if funding is sufficient.
- d. Overall master plan for picnic shelter location was revised slightly to pull parking lot off of contaminated material. Comments received on overall size of parking lots and parking lot size to be determined at upcoming task force meetings with Consultant on board.
- e. Option to transfer funds from RFP for design of roadway and picnic shelter towards environmental cleanup. Alice presented reasons in favor and against transferring of funds. Overall consensus was to keep design funds for roadway and picnic shelter and not transfer towards environmental cleanup unless a small amount of money is required to complete environmental cleanup. Final determination can not be made until construction bids for environmental cleanup and design fees for roadway and picnic shelter are received.

E. Discussion/Comments/Questions:

- Concerns on scale and proportion of parking lots and picnic shelter
- Impact of known contaminants on ground water levels at Lilydale Dump Site
- Pull back parking lots so not as predominate as look out from picnic shelter

- Discussion on water quality at Ivy Falls and question regarding why focus has been on developing the picnic shelter and roadway and not Ivy Falls discharge into Pickerel Lake. Indicated that existing funding has been allocated for environmental clean up and roadway/picnic shelter design and will continue to pursue funding sources for treatment of Ivy Falls discharge into Pickerel Lake
- Desire to set aside any unique findings from Marina Demolition Site for future interpretation or reuse on site
- Opportunity for interpretive signage explaining environmental cleanup efforts occurring within park
- Include other transportation systems in roadway discussions so as to encourage alternative transportation and lessen need for parking
- Future discussions on roadway maintenance and safety issues

F. Next Steps:

- Schedule next Task Force meeting for mid-September utilizing Meeting Wizard
- Follow up on question regarding impact of compressing Lilydale Dump Site and ground water
- Explore interpretive signage options as part of Environmental Cleanup Work

PLEASE REVIEW THESE NOTES AND CONTACT ME (651-266-6412) IF COMMENTS ARE INCORRECTLY NOTED OR MISSED COMPLETELY.



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