



MEETING NOTES

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2014

LOCATION: Nova Classical Academy

ATTENDING: Emily Shively, Gary Brueggemann, Kent Petterson, Martin Schieckel, Bill Driver, Jennifer Verbrugge, Tonya Johnson- Nicholie, Alice Messer, Adam Robbins, Paula Faughender, Dan Pederson, Karin Misiewicz, Liz McMann, Lucy Thompson, Joe McElwain, Bruce Watkins, Kimberly Reagan, Eric Anderson, Scott Krizan, Celia Erdman

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Rose, Stephanie Vagle, Manual Cervantes, John Yust, Scott Olson, Pete Regnier, Don Ganje, Dave Bredemus, Rory Stierler, Halle O'Falvey, Bob Fossum, Betty Moran, Julie Anderson, JoAnna Craighead

NOTES BY: Alice Messer, November 24, 2014 *AFM*

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Alice welcomed attendees to the meeting. Stated goals of meeting were to provide update on project since last Design Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting (Dec. 3rd, 2013) and to agree on CIB proposal for 2016.2017 funding cycle.

Recap of Mtg #9 by Alice Messer.

- Reviewed overall master plan and prioritization exercise which outlined top priorities for master plan implementation
- Results of prioritization informed development of Preliminary Park Phasing Plan

Update on Park Implementation by Alice Messer.

Alice summarized improvements to park in last year. These included:

- Placement of free fill on south side of park. Fill placed over the summer, but source stopped because fill did not pass testing requirements. Still seeking more fill for south side of park. Grading plan developed for south side of tracks and fill to be placed per plan.
- Great River Greening (GRG) approached Parks for grant opportunity for seeding, tree planting and 2 year maintenance agreement for south side of tracks. GRG will plant south side once remediation completed.
- Construction of Stewart Street anticipated in 2015. Funding by Tax Increment Financing (TIF).
- Public Works approached Fort Road Federation (FRF) regarding Otto Street Improvements as improvements have potential to be funded by TIF.

CIB Proposal Options presented by Alice Messer

Based on Phasing Plan, CIB request for picnic area/ restroom on the north or south side is best option. Parks proposes CIB request to be for restrooms and picnic shelter on the south side of the park. The infrastructure (water and sanitary service) are in place and need for facilities on this side of the park.

Alice asked for comments/questions regarding the CIB proposal. These included:

- Gary Brueggeman inquiring about volunteer or youth workers from the neighborhood working onsite to implement elements of the master plan. He felt these volunteer activities would build investment in the park and save money. Alice responded that volunteers could be requested thru GRG grant for planting on south side of park. Liz McMann stated that they could also be used for invasive plant removal.
- Question regarding status of remediation. Martin Schieckel responded that remediation should be completed in 2016. Two small areas in the park are still be monitored. These are on both sides of the railroad tracks close to the existing railroad trestle. He felt that a safe estimate on remaining remediation funds for park implementation would be approximately \$1 million.
- Question regarding cost of picnic shelter and restroom building. Alice stated cost estimated has not been completed, but best guess is \$750,000 to \$900,000 range.
- Question if cost estimated for all the park elements has been developed. Response is that entire park is estimated to be \$13 million. Cost estimates for park elements were developed for previous meeting when prioritization exercise occurred.
- Question if there was a strategy for writing the CIB proposal. Alice responded that “yes” there is a strategy to writing CIB request. Proposal will need to be written in such a way that elements can still be implemented if the full funding amount is not received.

Alice concluded meeting with next steps. These include:

- **Consensus reached on CIB funding request for picnic shelter and/or restroom on south side of park. Alice to prepare draft CIB proposal to DAC.**
- **Letters of support from Mississippi Market, Nova Classical Academy, Fort Road Federation and Design Advisory Committee are extremely helpful in CIB proposals. Alice will be requesting letters. In addition, attendance at presentation to CIB board is also effective in CIB process.**
- **Alice will re-group DAC committee once additional funding sources or remediation money is identified.**

Please contact Alice Messer at 651-266-6412 if any items are missing from the meeting notes or items were listed incorrectly.