

Mill Pond Park Planning

June 16, 2008

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

Attendance: Cousins, Green, Vangerhaggen, Bishop, Bell, Phillips, Semifero, Billetdeaux, Evanoff, Kline

Float Trip follow-up – Group discussed impressions of creek from float trip on 6-5-08.

Review Project Scope and Details – Additional information needed. Bishop provided an update on the meeting she had with Neal and Andrea earlier in the day. Reported that the discussion focused on how to proceed, including the development of a project master plan that included enough information to be able to apply for funding, specifically MNRTF funding in April 2009. The group discussed possibilities of what should be included, how detailed the information should be and what was not necessary at this time. Project coordination was also discussed, i.e. County Westside Connector Trail, Road Commission Dam and Bridge construction, DDA project along Jeffords Street and Village dam removal monitoring and invasive species management. JJR will contact DDA, URS to get additional information needed.

Project Phasing – Phasing the project is essential due to projected costs to implement entire plan within project limits. Consensus was that Phase 1 (Warrior Creek to Main Street Bridge) may potentially be completed through a Transportation Enhancement Grant. Phase 2 (Main Street Bridge south to approximately Grand Street ROW) should be focus due to potential DDA involvement in cost sharing and amount of restoration likely needed. Phase 3 and beyond are not priorities at this time. Phase 3 and beyond would likely be the Grand Street ROW south along the creek to Shield Road.

Set Date for Visioning Session with Stakeholders – Too early to set a date at this time. JJR/ECT will prepare an updated scope of work and start working on developing conceptual drawings to present to the team. Team can then review concepts and plan for a meeting with stakeholders likely at the end of July.

Discuss timelines/deadlines – The crucial deadline is April 2009 in order to apply for MNRTF funding. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan must be adopted prior to April with the plans for the Mill Pond Redevelopment included in the document. Bishop will follow up with JJR following Parks Commission's complete review of the plan. A gap analysis should then be performed by JJR to assure that pertinent information required for the grant has not been excluded.

The group discussed:

- Wetland Mitigation
- Incorporation of Regional Stormwater management
- Sediment Placement as par of the dam removal

Citizen comments. There were no citizens wishing to comment.

No follow up meeting date was planned. Next meeting will be up receipt of updated project scope.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Allison Bishop, Community Development Manager