

Flood Project Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes

Friday August 28, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Washoe County Administration Complex
Central Conference Room – Building C
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Dan St. John, Chair
Neill Mann, Vice-chair
Adrian Freund
Mary Hill
Neil Krutz
JoAnn Meacham
John Sherman
Wayne Siedel
Kyle West

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Dan St. John, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Hill, (arrived at 10:28 a.m.) Neil Krutz, JoAnn Meacham, Dan St. John, Chair, John Sherman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Freund, Neill Mann, Vice Chair, Wayne Siedel and Kyle West

ALTERNATES PRESENT: Auro Majumdar

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FLOOD PROJECT STAFF: Jay Aldean, Laura Bayer, Lisa Diebler, Naomi Duerr, Danielle Henderson and Greg Salter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kerri Williams-Lanza,

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: John Sherman moved to approve the August 28, 2009 agenda as posted. Neil Krutz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Item 10. Flood Warning System was pulled from the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2009

Approval of the minutes was incorrectly listed as June 1, 2009. Approval of the July 31, 2009 minutes were included in the meeting packet and will be scheduled for approval on the next agenda.

4.* ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair. St. John asked for announcements and hearing none, closed this item.

5.* PUBLIC COMMENT – Chair. St. John asked for public comment and hearing none, closed this item.

6. RAINBOW BEND RAISED PARKWAY TRACTION PROJECT

Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project reported that Flood Project Coordinating Committee (FPCC) approved the Rainbow Bend Raised Parkway a TRAction project. Director Duerr asked if the project can be approved with an 'up-to' amount or wait for an actual amount prior to viewing the full presentation.

* denotes NON action item

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Dan St. John, Chair clarified that the project should be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) first and recommendations be forwarded to the FPCC. Director Duerr stated that when she was aware that the process was out of sequence that she offered several options for consideration. JoAnn Meacham, City of Sparks, stated that she does not believe that the TRAction process is well documented and asked for documentation of the proper steps. Director Duerr reported that she sent the information to Storey County and the Canyon G.I.D., held training sessions with staff and developed an outline of the process. Member Meacham requested that the data sheet be provided to TAC members for review. Director Duerr suggested that review of the process can be a future agenda item.

Paul Urban, P.E., Project Manager, Truckee River Flood Project provided a visual report on the Rainbow Bend Raised Parkway TRAction Project. Mr. Urban addressed questions that were raised regarding building a levee and concerns regarding the engineering design. Mr. Urban reported that this project is designed in cooperation with the Rainbow Bend Home Owners Association.

MOTION: Member Meacham moved to accept the Rainbow Bend Raised Parkway as a TRAction project. Member Majumdar seconded the motion. Member Meacham amended her motion to include the wording in the Interlocal Agreement to address the risk that the FPCC has taken on by building a project that has no freeboard. It was noted that the Corps solution was rejected by the community while this project is accepted by the community. Member Majumdar seconded amended motion. The motion carried with Member Kutz opposed.

Neil Krutz, City of Sparks, stated his concern about the engineering design as not a good engineering practice. Jay Aldean, Deputy Director responded that this is a mitigation not a design. Member Meacham clarified that this design is acceptable to parties downstream including Storey County. Mr. Urban stated that they are not promising 117 year flood protection. Greg Salter suggested that language be included in the HOA agreement for an easement that the higher levee was denied by the HOA. Mr. Urban stated that he took the raised parkway proposed project to the Rainbow Bend HOA in May and GID in June and they agreed upon the design. Member Krutz stated that the same standards that are applied to the Cities of Reno and Sparks need to be applied to this project. Mr. Urban stated that there would be some freeboard on a 100 year storm event. Kerri Williams-Lanza stated that the City of Reno is probably going with community acceptable solutions rather than Corps standards for some City of Reno projects. Member Krutz stated that he is not asking for Corps design standards but he is not comfortable without a freeboard design.

7. PROPERTY PLAN & ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS

Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Flood Project Supervisor, Truckee River Flood Project
Greg Salter, Deputy D.A., Truckee River Flood Project

In the absence of Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Naomi Duerr, Director provided a report on staff recommendations for management of each of the properties currently owned by the Truckee River Flood Project. Staff recommendations include: Demolition of 125. 105 & 85 Edison Way within one year; Maintain & use 195, 185 & 155 Edison Way for three years; Continue evaluation of the Excel, Cooperative Extension & Bristlecone Buildings for uses compatible with the project and continue with pasture maintenance agreements of the Ferrari, East Steele and Mill and McCarran properties until they are needed. The locations of the properties are identified as to flood risk. Director Duerr stated that they have applied for \$310,000 demolition grant funds of from FEMA. Ms. Fujii-Strickler is re-establishing a contact at Bristlecone.

Member Meacham stated that she needs to review the property data sheets prior to taking any recommendations or action. Director Duerr asked for direction from the TAC whether to include the life, safety and health in the payback. Chair St. John supported including these costs. Director Duerr stated that they will not sign a lease without board direction. Chair St. John stated that this seems to be a distraction to the main goal, stated concern regarding spending flood funds on these properties and supported relocating the tenants as soon as possible. Chair St. John stated that the TAC works with data and asked staff to provide updated data. In response to questions raised, Director Duerr stated that Cooperative extension is working on relocation by end of their lease.

MOTION: Member Meacham moved to table this item until further information and data sheets are available for review. Member Krutz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CIVIL AIR PATROL LEASE AGREEMENT – 185 EDISON WAY

Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Flood Project Supervisor, Truckee River Flood Project

In Mimi Fujii-Strickler's absence, Naomi Duerr, Director presented the report to develop a Lease Agreement with the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for space located in 185 North Edison Way. The lease agreement would state that the CAP would provide flight service over the flood project sites. The space would be leased for \$1 per month, on a month to month basis, and the tenant would pay for improvements and utilities.

MOTION: Member Hill, City of Reno moved to approve the least agreement with the Civil Air Patrol at 185 Edison Way for a month to month basis at \$1 per month and

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the agreement would include that the CAP would provide monthly flight service for the Flood Control Project. Member Sherman, Washoe County seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Meacham stated that she wanted her reservations on the record that “this lease does not meet FPCC goals to maximize rents and keep people out of flood control zones”. Greg Salter stated that the lease agreement will make full disclosure and cover possible exposure of non-parties to the lease agreement, to asbestos. Mr. Salter also stated that the agreement has been sent to Washington D.C. for review and approval.

9. NRS 377 B PLAN UPDATE

Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project

Greg Salter, Deputy, D.A., Truckee River Flood Project

Naomi Duerr, Director provided background information regarding the NRS 377 B plan for expenditures of the 1/8 cent sales tax for the Truckee River Flood Management project. The plan was adopted by motion in 1998. Director Duerr stated that the re-draft of the plan would be brought back to the TAC in September for review. Greg Salter stated that they would expand the definition of the how the sales tax funds would be spent and verify the authority to spend these funds. John Sherman recommended publishing a public notice of the updating of the plan. Mr. Salter stated that the amendment would make the plan retroactive to 2006. Member Meacham does not support updating and adopting the plan at this time considering the pending changes to the Corps plan and expected cost share. Member Meacham stated that the BCC per the ILA that forms the FPCC is already obligated to adopt FPCC actions since the FPCC has already adopted the LPP, therefore so has the BCC. Mr. Salter stated that he would review the document regarding future action taken by the FPCC.

10. FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

Paul Urban, P.E., Project Manager, Truckee River Flood Project

This item was withdrawn from the agenda. Discussion regarding the possibility of transferring the jointly-funded Washoe County Flood Warning System and program onto the Truckee River Flood Project. Possible action to accept the report and/or the make recommendations to the FPCC.

11. CORPS PROJECT REPORT & SCHEDULE UPDATE

Jay Aldean, Deputy Director, Truckee River Flood Project presented a report regarding the Truckee River Flood Project schedule with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Deputy Director Aldean reported that they have received a schedule from the Corps of Engineers, however, in conversation with Roger Henderson, U.S.

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Army Corps of Engineers, he stated that he will be submitting corrected dates to the schedule. Member Meacham stated concern that Corps reports are not included in this agenda packet and the TAC needs to be looking at 'fatal flaws' in the schedule. Chair St. John asked that the Corps Project Report and Schedule Update be provided to the TAC as soon as it is available.

12. REVIEW FLOOD PROJECT COORDINATING COMMITTEE DRAFT AGENDA

Naomi Duerr, Director, Truckee River Flood Project

Discussion was held and the following items were offered for the next FPCC agenda: NRS 377 B plan; Update on the recreation plan.

13. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair St. John requested that the Department of Water Resources and representatives of the U.S.G.S. be scheduled to discuss the Flood Warning System and Program on the next agenda. Paul Urban suggested that Ed Evans also be invited to discuss this item.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Member Hill moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Member Sherman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Allayne Donnelly-Everett
Specialized Secretarial Services