



TRUCKEE RIVER FLOOD PROJECT WORKING GROUP

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 26, 2009 – 3:00 – 5:00 PM

FINAL MINUTES

Present:

Name	Representing	Name	Representing
Bodie Monroe	TU Trout Unlimited	Bob Ramsey	Rosewood Lakes HOA
Mike Caltugione	TU Sagebrush Chapter	Mike Faeth	AMEC
Dave Hollecker	OCTA-Trails West	Debra Lemke	Michael Baker
Geoff Brownell	Michael Baker	Burnham Moffat	FPCC
John Dyer	AMEC	Christine Kirick	
Kevin Piper	NAES/UNR	Glen Kregman	HDR
Noel Laughlin	HDR	Garth Osborne	Storey County
Todd Welty	RTAA	Kerri Lanza	City of Reno
Steve Alastuey			

Staff Present: Ms. Duerr Duerr, Jay Aldean, Paul Urban, Susie Kapahee, Laura Bayer, Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Kevin Gorges, Greg Salter, Eric Scheetz

1. Introductions

Susie Kapahee welcomed everyone and turned the floor over to special guests Mike Caltugione, President of Trout Unlimited, Sagebrush Chapter and Brody Monroe who announced they have received a donation to their chapter to be used to set up an endowment and issue grants. They are figuring out a way to distribute those funds with a goal to protect, sustain, restore, reconnect – all about fishing. Clean water is good for fish and everybody else. Their first round applications are due November 1st. A committee will pick out the best projects and award two to 4 grants a year of between \$500 to \$25,000. Applications are available now on the website: www.sagebrushTU.org. Randal Stevens is the program ambassador and he can assist in filling out the application so it gets the highest score. The project has to benefit fishermen in northern Nevada.

Ms. Duerr commented that Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager said she will introduce them to people involved in restoration efforts which may be the most likely source for grant applications. Ms. Henderson will put in some type of collaborative request.

Kevin Piper announced that UNR's Field Day is on Saturday, September 12th from 9 am to 2 pm. Tours are available in the field and the biomedical sheep operation, etc. There will be a BBQ and faculty will have research projects set up. This is a great chance to see the farm. Ms. Duerr said TRFP staff will forward an email with the information to Working Group mailing list.

2. Approve Working Group Minutes of July 29, 2009

-New recorder: Ms. Kapahee explained that Laura Bayer, Administrative Assistant II has offered to take minutes and in the process reviewed last month's minutes, noting some grammatical changes.

Motion to approve the revised minutes: Burnham Moffat, Bob Ramsey all in favor.

3. Property Management

Mimi Fujii-Strickler distributed a FEMA map of the floodplain in the Living River Parkway area. Ms. Fujii-Strickler talked about the status of tenants in the different buildings; inspections including the asbestos survey; and getting FEMA grant funding for the demolition of buildings. This information will be brought to the FPCC in September including details on how many tenants we have left (4) and how much money we get from them. We do have a few non-profits in some of the buildings. The Civil Air Patrol may be moving into another property at 185 Edison Way in a unique arrangement. Rather than pay us rent we will ask that they fly regular missions for us once a month taking pictures of our restoration projects.

Ms. Fujii-Strickler announced that we will recommend taking down the 3 buildings in about a year from now. Staff is getting a full blown report on what condition the Excel building is in as well as working on getting different types of grants for the building.

Ms. Duerr said staff is exploring keeping the building up rather than demolishing it and using it in with the Living River Parkway plan– maybe the Parks Department or the Department of Wildlife could use it. Staff wants to explore all the potential uses before it is torn down.

Ms. Fujii-Strickler stated staff is still working with Bristlecone while they work on relocating; we reduced their rent. Ms. Duerr is grateful that we began early acquisitions because some tenants are hard to place in new locations. Ms. Fujii-Strickler also noted that commercial rent has gone down due to the economy. A majority of our tenants pay 50 cents per square foot and now they can find rent for 35 cents.

There was discussion to clarify the annotations on the FEMA map. The floodway is an area that is established by FEMA during the mapping process to keep clear and provide conveyance for the channel.

Burnham Moffat asked about the status of the buildings on Edison Way highlighted in yellow; they are owned by private owners. Greg Salter had approached them previously and they wanted too much for their buildings, however, now they want to renegotiate.

Mr. Moffat inquired about FEMA redrawing some of these boundaries recently. Ms. Fujii-Strickler said yes, they have been doing map maintenance. Ms. Lanza agreed, saying that FEMA accepted the Double Diamond berm as a levee, but have now changed their mind.

Ms. Duerr clarified that FEMA wasn't remapping, they were digitized the maps and found new areas. Mr. Urban noted that FEMA is digitizing the maps and sometimes they see areas that had been misidentified. FEMA is also certifying levees which will affect maps and people's rates.

Ms. Lanza stated that when FEMA goes in and looks at a community and changes part of a map they change the entire set of maps for the community, then a company monitors this and contacts mortgage companies to apprise them of new flood zones.

Ms. Duerr stated that taking the buildings out of the floodway will help the conveyance and reduce our costs. Ms. Fujii-Strickler will let the Working Group know in September what the board did.

4. **377B Plan Update**

Ms. Duerr explained that NRS 377B is section of law regarding the 1/8 cent sales tax, TRFP staff has to develop a plan for the expenditure of the money. Staff wants to bring the plan current to today's world. This is a plan that predated the Corps and LPP. Although it mentions flood damage reduction, etc., it is very brief and staff wants to put more detail in there. Staff will bring this forward to flood board.

Mr. Moffat asked if this is going to include things you have to do and the costs associated with each one. Mr. Salter said we have to specify what we think the cost is and how we are going to pay for it.

5. **TRAction Projects**

Lower Mustang Ranch Groundbreaking – Ms. Kapahee said this groundbreaking has been set for Thursday, September 24th at 11 a.m. and staff will be sending out invitations via email.

Rainbow Bend Raised Parkway – Mr. Urban gave a brief but thorough presentation outlining the issues involved in raising the elevation along the south side Truckee River in the Rainbow Bend area. The top will be 6 – 10' wide depending on how much room we have and there will be a surfaced path. The community is accepting of this. Mr. Urban noted that we are only doing this for the added flood depth of the Truckee River flooding not the Long Valley Creek flooding. We are confident that the raise in this will not affect Long Valley Creek.

Christine Kirick asked if there is a possibility of backwater flow. Mr. Urban answered yes we are looking at containments so the water doesn't come around or flow out. There is a RFP out now to look at the raised embankment. Canyon GID will review the proposals for that – once they have an acceptable cost they will come back to TAC, Finance Subcommittee, and FPCC saying that it will cost "x" to go into the design phase. Ms. Duerr stated we expect the design to be under \$100,000, so we won't come back to WG. When the design is complete, they will go to the board for permission to go to bid. Then it would go into the construction phase of this project.

John Dyer inquired what the schedule is now. Mr. Urban replied that design will be complete in spring 2010; and we should be building it between summer and fall 2010.

Ms. Duerr explained that most of our TRAction projects are eligible for Corps cost share. This is not a Corps project. This will be funded entirely by local funds. It is cheaper for us to do this off-project than to do it with the Corps.

Hidden Valley Homeowner's Meeting – Ms. Kapahee announced that there will be a meeting for Hidden Valley homeowners on Wednesday, September 2nd from 6-8 p.m. Post cards and emails have been sent out to homeowners in Hidden Valley. Ms. Duerr and Mr. Aldean will be the featured speakers; they will explain home elevation things to everybody. Ms. Duerr stated there seems to be a lot of interest in the project. Now staff has to figure out the details and there are a lot of details to figure out. Staff is going to ask people to register their homes for elevation.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Ribbon Cutting – Ms. Kapahee announced that we are coming to a close on this first mitigation project and are trying to get a date nailed down. We have a call in to Senator Reid’s office to make sure he can be there. We have tentatively scheduled it for Friday, September 4th at lunchtime.

6. **Website** – Ms. Kapahee said that a new section outlining construction phases of each project is now on the TRFP website (www.truckeeflood.us). She distributed a handout with images of the web pages. She explained the links to each project’s page. Ms. Kapahee encouraged everyone to check it out and call her if there were any questions. Ms. Duerr commended Ms. Kapahee for doing such a great job getting this information on the website.
7. **Corps Project Schedule** – Mr. Aldean said staff received the updated Corps schedule today; he, Mr. Urban, and Mr. Scheetz will be looking at it and revising the dual timeline chart for the FPCC meeting on September 11th. This timeline will also be posted on the website.

8. **Other Topics?**

There was a question for clarification of the term “benching” by Dave Hollecker. Mr. Urban explained and illustrated the meaning of this term. In particular, Dave asked about the area east of the sewer plant on the south side of river because of historic preservation concerns. Paul explained that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will have to do cultural resource surveys and environmental surveys to see if there is a potential disturbing of any historic area. Once we get the congressional approval expected in fall 2011, the Flood Project estimates 2-5 years after that for work to begin in the area mentioned. At that time, the detail design work would begin and the process of determining possible impacts to historical areas would begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

WORKING GROUP BIN LIST FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

ITEM	SCHEDULED	DISCUSSED
Flood Funding Study Governance	7-30-08 1-28-09 2-25-09	7-30-08 1-28-09
Corps Project Schedule/timeline	7-30-08 8-27-08 9-24-08 2-25-09	7-30-08 8-27-08 3-25-09 7-29-09 8-27-09
Southeast Connector	7-30-08 8-27-08 9-24-08	7-30-08 8-27-08 9-24-08
Flood Mitigation Ordinance Flood Mitigation Resolution	8-27-08 9-24-08 12-17-08	8-27-08 9-24-08 12-17-08
Recreation Plan	6-3-09 7-29-09	6-3-09 7-29-09
Restoration Projects Lockwood Groundbreaking Lower Mustang Restoration	8-27-08 10-29-08 2-25-09	7-29-09 8-27-09
Downtown Bridges TRAction Bridge Visioning Meetings Easements	9-24-08 10-29-08 1-28-09 2-25-09	9-24-08 10-29-08 1-28-09
Hidden Valley TRAction Project Home Elevation & Buyouts	1-28-09	1-28-09 8-27-09
Aesthetics Design Committee		
Rainbow Bend – Flood Mitigation & 117yr level of protection	10-29-08	8-27-09
Value Engineering Study	1-28-09	1-28-09