Public Meeting of Site Futures Committee  
Subcommittee of Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee  
March 11, 2013, 10:00 am  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Board Room, Grand County Public Library  
257 E. Center St.  
Moab, Utah 84532

The following individuals were present:

Site Futures Committee (SFC) Members:
Norm Boyd, At-Large  
Sabrina Henry, National Park Service  
Donna Metzler, City of Moab  
Saxon Sharpe, At-Large, Vice Chair  
Russ von Koch, At-Large, Chair  
Lee Shenton, County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for SFC)

Citizens
Jason Johnson (Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands)

The following SFC members were absent and no designee was present on their behalf:  Krissie Braun (Grand County), Rock Smith (BLM)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chair Russ von Koch.

2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved by unanimous vote as presented. Minutes of the February 25th meeting were approved by unanimous vote as presented but with the stipulation that notes be attached from (a) Saxon’s February 6th phone conversation with Mr. John Elmer, and (b) Lee’s February 19th phone conversation with Ms. Wendy Naugle.

3. Discussion Items

   A. Consideration of Public Involvement Process – The SFC determined that an advertised public kick-off meeting should be held in April, followed by several weeks of additional public input through other channels (a website for example). [Meeting date subsequently changed to May 15 due to problems finding an appropriate meeting room.] Based on all input, the SFC will synthesize, categorize and prepare alternatives to be reviewed at a second public meeting before summer. [Subsequently changed to July due to delay of first meeting.] After further public and agency input SFC would identify a preferred alternative which would be presented to the Steering Committee (public and advertised meeting) this Fall, followed by presentations to City and County Councils before year-end.

SFC agreed that Meeting 1 should focus on educating the public and obtaining ideas from attendees. The meeting would finish with a general review of the ideas that result. The Committee also thought note cards or a blank “Idea Sheet” should be in the handout package so attendees could list some of their ideas during the presentation. The goal of this meeting is to identify the range of potential uses. The SFC discussed preparation and requirements for Meeting 1, to be publicized as “After the Pile: Mill Site Futures Kick-Off”, to include flipcharts, site maps, handouts, sticky notes, adhesive stars, pencils and an introductory 15-
minute slide presentation. Sabrina agreed to provide the maps and easels, Lee agreed to prepare the introductory slideshow and Russ agreed to draft a news release. Saxon agreed to provide a suggested list of other materials needed. Lee noted that DOE grant funding could be appropriately used to purchase meeting materials and publish the meeting notices. Lee agreed to arrange for a suitable room after determining availability of SFC members.

SFC agreed that Meeting 2 [subsequently changed to summer] should include a review of a few alternate concepts synthesized by SFC from public and agency input, with discussions in break-out focus groups of which beneficial uses would be workable and why. Each group would be facilitated by one SFC member to answer questions. The goal of this meeting is to get public response to the identified alternatives for the “Initial Community Vision.”

Meeting 3 (Fall) would probably be the presentation to the Steering Committee of the “Initial Community Vision”. This meeting would be preceded by publication of the results of the previous two meetings using perhaps newspaper articles, radio announcements and the moabtailings.org website. The goal of this meeting is to get public response to a draft of the “Initial Community Vision”, followed by a public comment period.

Presentations to County and City Councils (before January, 2014) would provide the “Initial Community Vision” to our elected officials.

B. SFC Milestones and Project Timelines - The Committee agreed this was adequately addressed in Agenda Item A.

C. Member Updates on Assignments – Russ suggested preparation of a media packet, which would include the SFC resolution and a news release. He also suggested radio and newspaper involvement in publicizing the Kick-Off meeting. Norm reported that he continues to receive suggestions from his customers. Russ agreed to provide an outline for a “site history” document. Sabrina reported that she had received updated map info for the mill site from DOE.

D. Additional Committee Member Assignments – No assignments today other than those agreed to during Item A.

E. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items – The next meeting was scheduled for April 1 from 10 AM to noon with a review of draft materials for the Kick-Off meeting. [The April 1 meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum.] The April 8 meeting (1-3 PM) will be to finalize plans for the Kick-Off meeting. Both will be held in the Library Board Room. Suggested other agenda items included review of minutes and consideration of further SFC milestones.

F. Other Non-Action Items – no additional discussion items were identified for this meeting.

4. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 12:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison