

*Public Meeting of Site Futures Committee
Subcommittee of Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee
May 20, 2013, 1:00 PM
APPROVED MINUTES
Board Room, Grand County Public Library
125 East Center
Moab, Utah 84532*

The following individuals were present:

Site Futures Committee (SFC) Members:

Norm Boyd, At-Large
Alison Lerch, Utah FFSL (for Jason Johnson)
Saxon Sharpe, At-Large, Vice Chair
Rock Smith, BLM
Russ von Koch, At-Large, Chair

Citizens

None

The following SFC members were absent and no designee was present on their behalf: Sabrina Henry (NPS), Krissie Killoy (Grand County), Donna Metzler (City of Moab) and Lee Shenton (UMTRA Liaison). Note that all nine SFC members participated in the May 15 public workshop.

1. Call to Order -- The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM by Chair Russ von Koch.
2. Approval of Minutes -- Minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.
3. Discussion Items

A. Review of input from May 15, 2013 Public Workshop and general themes suggested by workshop comments – Saxon presented a worksheet (Excel) which she used to summarize comments received from all sources (sticky notes from maps, online suggestions, etc.). It was agreed that SFC should provide an explanation for any cost-benefit evaluations and why any particular suggestion is determined to be impractical. The suggestions received so far were categorized by “theme” and “location.” It was also agreed that it is premature to start developing any actual plans but combined concepts are appropriate, such as using solar panels to provide shade for informational kiosks or picnic tables. SFC developed categories of constraints, i.e. river floodplain, utility rights-of-way, deed restrictions, etc. Alison confirmed that community benefits are an important consideration for use of sovereign lands.

B. Procedures for processing comments received at May 15 workshop and additional comments received after the workshop – Online and written comments submitted to the UMTRA Liaison should be forwarded to Saxon for inclusion in the worksheet. SFC discussed several of the suggestions in an effort to develop a methodology for evaluating and

categorizing them. SFC found that the most productive categorization was by location, and identified the following eight general locations: along the river/wetlands, along US-191, along UT-279, at the 279-191 junction, hillside, river floodplain, Moab Wash and "interior."

C. Member updates and assignments – Alison reported that she and colleagues from UFFSL were meeting with the UMTRA Project team the next day to discuss collaboration on work along the river, such as revegetation. Saxon committed to updating her suggestions spreadsheet within the next week. Russ noted that he had been on KZMU discussing the work of the SFC and additional opportunities for public comment. KZMU also played the entire summary of ideas presented by Saxon during the Wrap-Up at the After the Pile workshop. Russ will talk with USU for input on the campus suggestion, and with the Cemetery Sexton about the cemetery suggestion.

D. Assessment of project timeline – SFC determined that the next public workshop should be on September 18.

E. Future meeting dates and suggested agenda items - The next SFC meetings were set for July 8 and 9 [*NOTE: meetings subsequently revised to July 9 and 10, 1-4 PM in the Library Board Room.*] SFC intends to categorize additional suggestions received by then and work with site maps for compatible placement.

F. Other non-action items of general interest

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Shenton
Grand County UMTRA Liaison