

SITE FUTURES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2018

Chair Russ von Koch called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm in the Grand Center Front Conference Room with the following members present:

- David Everitt for City of Moab
- Jason Johnson for Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
- Saxon Sharpe, At Large, Vice Chair
- Amy Tendick for NPS Southeast Utah Group
- Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison, non-voting staff

Approval of May 14, 2018 Minutes: Saxon moved, Jason second to approve as presented with one typo corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

Russ reported progress on public outreach, including newspaper ads, public service announcements and a radio interview on KZMU.

Russ reviewed the Open House schedule including the status of planned actions and assignments. Lee will pick up the Grand Center key the day before.

[0:06] Russ and Saxon led discussions of the updated *Potential Action Analysis of May 20* that covers a broad range of site opportunities, constraints, changes since the 2013 *Initial Community Vision* and technical updates to the ICV. One key point was the likelihood that Moab Wash will naturally return to its original course once the pile is removed, meaning that less of the current pile footprint might be available for future development. Another was that no UMTRA project had ever excavated below the water table to remove subsurface contamination [0:37], implying another possible reduction in area usable for development.

Lee reminded [0:38] the committee that DOE might need to build a water treatment facility somewhere on the site to handle contaminated water extracted from the defensive wells since the option of spraying on the pile for dust control disappears when the pile is removed. Russ discussed [0:47] aspects of the need for clean fill soils, possibly over large areas of the site above the floodplain, as is being done in Grand Junction at the former site of the Climax mill. [1:01]

The committee discussed some implications of the Arches Special Service District on future water and sewer availability, noting that there is no usable water available from wells on the DOE property due to very high salinity, even in portions of the site not contaminated by tailings fluids. [1:05]

The committee also discussed some potential considerations related to the possible construction of a bypass being proposed for US191 around Moab proper [1:12] and location of a proposed viewpoint and rail station for light rail service at the north end of the project rail bench. [1:17]

Russ agreed to work with Gery Wakefield (NPS) to update the Community Vision map in time for the May 31st Open House. [1:28]

The committee scheduled the **next meeting for Tuesday, June 5th, 3-5 PM, Russ and Lee reserved the City Hall Conference Room after the meeting.**

Saxon moved, Amy second to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Shenton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lee Shenton, SFC Secretary