

# SITE FUTURES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2018

Chair Russ von Koch called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm in the Library Board Room with the following members present:

- Norm Boyd, At-Large
- Rani Derasary, Moab City Council
- Tony Mancuso, Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
- Lee Shenton, UMTRA Liaison, non-voting staff

Approval of June 26, 2018 Minutes: Rani moved, Norm seconded to approve the unapproved minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously. [0:01]

Russ noted that no other citizens were present asking to be heard but he intended to ask for their input if other citizens attended later.

Russ led a discussion of the revisions to the Community Vision Update map labelled Map 1. He explained that the segment of SR-279 (Potash Road) across roughly the south one-third of the project is outside the federal property because it was actually deeded in 1962 and 1964 to the State Road Commission of Utah, what is now known as UDOT. [0:04] He also discovered that the gantry crane storage area was constructed outside the project boundary.

[0:06] Russ reviewed changes to the envisioned locations of highway access for "River Bend Plaza", "Transit & Event Center" and "Prospector Park." [0:09] He also reported on existing facilities in Utah and Colorado similar to the envisioned swimming beach and reflection pool, and features of other transit centers that might be incorporated in this vision.

[0:21] The committee discussed variations on the "River Bend Plaza" features, agreeing generally that this version is more consistent with the updated public input. The committee also considered the potential for a walking / biking / cart path between the "Plaza" and the "Park" sections of the site.

[0:29] The committee discussed a number of proposed revisions to the 2018 update of the "After the Pile" document, including the issues of affordable housing [0:38], estimates of developable area (114 acres) [0:41], event center features [0:43] and recreational features [0:45]. Tony educated us [0:48] on the difference between "relicted" and "accreted" riparian land.

[0:52] The committee discussed the updated vision of the (smaller) federal offices area, including function as buffer space and shared parking in off-hours.

[0:57] Russ led a discussion of possible features of a food and beverage court in the area currently used for UMTRA administrative offices.

[1:01] The group noted that the project's sand filters facility might be useful for irrigation on the southwest side of Moab Wash after the remediation is complete and recognized that DOE Legacy Management might be using the associated wells for several years.

[1:09] The possibility of a fishing pond was discussed, but not adopted.

[1:19] It was agreed that a clear statement of culinary water and sewer service should be retained in the updated vision document.

[1:23] The committee discussed the uncertain status of State Sovereign Land claims along the river.

[1:29] The committee further refined the statements on floodplain management based on our current understanding of likely restrictions and constraints.

[1:35] Statements on visual management issues were considered, as were energy generation and conservation recommendations.

[1:40] Russ noted that the land withdrawal for the Crescent Junction site is for 20 years with the order published in the Federal Register on June 11, 2009.

[1:43] The committee recognized that ultimately any site constraints and restrictions will likely be informed by the Final Completion Report issued by DO. A land-trade might be explored for developable land elsewhere to address some affordable housing concerns. Lee noted that DOE Legacy Management will have responsibility for monitoring the site for 200 years even if some or all of the site is transferred for development.

[1:50] Project completion date is very dependent on future funding but the committee recognized that any site transfers occur are unlikely to occur until several years after the last of the tailings is moved.

[2:02] Russ reported that the Arches Special Services District has capacity to provide water and sewer services for the development area near the US 191 bridge and that their water treatment system could provide additional future capacity if additional modular units are installed.

[2:04] Tony offered to convey the final 2018 update package to USU and to draft an Item 5) under "What Now?" to recognize the value of the update in the FFSL planning process.

Norm moved, Rani seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm. The **next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3-5 PM in the Library Board Room** to make final preparations for the Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> Tailings Project Steering Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Shenton, SFC Secretary