



Middle South Platte River Alliance

Envisioning a Healthy and Resilient River Corridor for all Stakeholders

Meeting Notes – 4-20-16

The following are the minutes from the April 20, 2016 Meeting of the MSPRA Steering Committee.

Steering Committee Attendance: Sheryl Trent, Randall Ferguson, Chuck Sylvester, Glenn Werning, and John Barnett

Not in Attendance: Martin Grenier, Steven Roach, Gene Kammerzell.

Other Attendees: Fred Stenzel, Chad Reischl

- I. Call to Order:
 - a. The March 16, 2016 Meeting of the MSPRA Steering Committee was called to order by Chuck Sylvester at 1:00pm
- II. Public Comments:
 - a. None:
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Chuck asked if there were any additions/corrections to the Minutes, seeing none the minutes were approved.
- IV. Announcements:
 - a. It was noted that Kacey Blum, watershed coordinator, was not in attendance due to a serious family issue. Kacey will be taking some time off to deal with this issue. She did not indicate a timeframe for her leave, but Sheryl and Chad will take over any important duties in the meantime.
 - b. Chad Reischl passed out a plan proposal for a park on United Water's property in Reach 1 of the river. The park would include a segment of the proposed Wildcat Trail (that Mike Tupa spoke of at our March 10 evening meeting). Chad has been meeting with a group of local city/town representatives who are interested in making this a reality. MSPRA will likely want to follow the progress on this project as it continues to develop
 - c. Chad also announced that he'll be leading a canoe trip for the conservation community on June 4th. He'd like to have at least one member of MSPRA on that trip. If folks aren't interested/able to make the canoe trip, he will also be leading a tour over to the Wildcat Mound area in the afternoon.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Lower Latham Feasibility Study

- i. Chad indicated that the RFP has been drafted and that we just need the guys at Lower Latham to review before we send this out for bid
 - b. Sediment Transport Study
 - i. Chad reported that based on steering committee discussion online, the feasibility study would be moving forward with the following projects:
 1. Some minor work at Highway 85,
 2. The Big Thompson pinch-point
 3. Re-grading of the Varra site upstream of the pinch-point.
 4. Work at the railroad bridge upstream of the Godfrey
- VI. New Business
 - a. Board 101: Carol Ekarius from the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) was invited to give a presentation on the merits of forming a non-profit and general board responsibilities. General overview as follows:
 - i. Benefits of non-profit status
 - ii. Steps to take to becoming a non-profit
 1. Develop and file governance docs – Articles of incorporation, Bylaws and Policies
 2. Register w/secretary of state as Charity
 3. File for EIN
 4. Apply for 501c3 designation
 - iii. Duties once becoming a non-profit – Annual reporting, audit if nec.
 - iv. Board growth and development – from working board to governance board.
 - v. Board duties and responsibilities – how to best govern the organization
 - vi. Fundraising
 - b. Vision/Mission/Strategic Plan: Sheryl passed out the following documents:
 - i. Notes from the April 1 strategic planning session
 - ii. Preliminary Strategic Operating Plan
 - iii. Sample Strategic Plan handout (potential marketing material)
 - iv. Tips/tricks on Vision & Mission statements.
 - c. Since time was running out, Sheryl suggested that the SC review materials and have further discussions at the next meeting.
 - d. Chad will report on City of Evans' services to MSPRA next month
- VII. Next Meeting – May 18, 2016
- VIII. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.