


Middle South Platte River Alliance

Envisioning a Healthy and Resilient River Corridor for all Stakeholders

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00pm

3600 Golden Street, Evans, Colorado

Riverside Library and Cultural Center - Board Room

I. Call to order

- a. In attendance: Glenn Werning, John Barnett, Randall Ferguson, Chuck Sylvester, Art Parker, Don Magnuson, Jeff Crane, Fred Stenzil, Chloe Lewis

II. Public comments

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved

IV. Old business

- a. Watershed Coordinator Update

- i. Working to identify potential office space starting January 2017

- 1. Spaces in Loveland area range from 250 to 500, but it would be in MSPRA's best interest to pursue offices in Greeley/Evans/La Salle.
 - 2. Ms. Lewis will actively continue this search.
 - 3. Options are also contingent upon the Capacity Grant award and how much can be allocated towards rent expenses.
 - 4. Any thoughts, ideas or suggestions on available spaces are welcome

- ii. Draft version of Assistant Coordinator job posting is complete

- 1. Waiting to get the approval for funding before sending the post to Members for review.
 - 2. Needs to be approved by Steering Committee as well as DOLA before it can officially be posted for applicants

- iii. Still awaiting award letters for the Capacity Grant application

"To conserve the functions of the Middle South Platte River watershed while enhancing its ecological, economic and cultural values through collaboration and education."

1. Anticipated response is within the next two months
- b. Current Project Update
 - i. Lower Latham 25% design to 80% design is in motion
 - ii. Meeting with Latham Board of Directors on Friday 10/14
 1. Currently working on follow up letter
 - iii. Low to Moderate Income Survey for the area is nearing completion
 1. Eligible for 4.2 million dollars of federal funding that would have otherwise been inaccessible
 2. Latham officially qualifies as a LMI area in accordance with HUD policies, parameters and definitions.
 3. Hwy 60 LMI is still in question. Census block data does not provide enough detail to officially list the area as low or moderate income. A site boundary survey could provide a more definitive answer. Ms. Lewis is working with the state to determine the best way to proceed.

V. New Business

- a. Policies and Procedures have been completed. ~500 pages
 - i. In need of a formal review process. Ms. Lewis will send these one section at a time. There are about 10 sections total.
- b. Discussion with CDOT pertaining to Hwy 60 Bridge
 - i. 12-million-dollar bridge reconstruction project
 - ii. In need of \$75,000 local match
 1. Ms. Lewis is currently looking in to how this could potentially fall under a CDBG-DR Grant or an EWP grant.
 2. An in-kind match in materials could also be a good fit
- c. Potential new members of Steering Committee (to be discussed further on Friday at the Strategic Planning Meeting with Sheryl Trent)
 - i. Art Parker accepted the nomination to join the Steering Committee
- d. Strategic Planning Session
 - i. Sheryl Trent, approx. 2 hours Friday October 21st
 - ii. Board Room in Library or Brewery in Greeley

- iii. Please see agenda and notify Sheryl of any questions/comments/requests/adjustments

VI. Important Dates

- a. Next Meeting – November 16th, 2016

VII. Staff Reports

- a. None

VIII. Adjourn