

Sawtooth Bluff Visioning and Master Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #9
April 26th, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m. – noon – Join Me Meeting (online/phone)

Attendees

Sue Abrahamson	Lisa Kerr	David Demmer	Myron Bursheim
Dave Tersteeg	Andy Hubley	Barb Caskey	Sissy Lunde (School Board)

Summary

The meeting began at 10:30 with participants joining by phone and viewing maps and documents through the Join Me link, Barb Caskey, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, welcomed everyone in attendance.

Today's agenda items include updates since the April 6th meeting and continued discussion of plan elements to meet GMRPTC requirements.

Updates

Lisa Kerr reported that an invitation to participate in today's meeting was extended to all School Board members to correct any misperceptions or miscommunication that may have occurred. Sissy Lunde is participating in the call today as a School Board member. Discussion held regarding School Board's potential support of the Master Plan and willingness to include the parcel of land owned by the school district in the plan map. A final decision will be made at the meeting on May 17th. The Steering Committee voiced support for a partnership with the School Board and a desire for continued conversations about potential partnership opportunities.

It was noted that the Duluth News Tribune had a front page feature story about the Sawtooth Master Planning process on April 23, 2018.

Plan Update Discussion

The latest draft of the Master Plan was reviewed. Comments and suggestions included removing the overlook from the map and moving the bike skills park closer to the community center/trail head.

Andy reviewed the draft cost estimates gathered to include in the plan. Steering Committee suggestions included increasing the size (18 holes) and cost estimate of the disk golf course (add tree clearing), further quantifying the cost of the dog park based upon anticipated actual size, and revising the campground costs based upon local development costs (Mike and Dave will talk further). Sanitation utility costs and restroom facility costs seem far too low (use Two Harbors campground as a basis). Andy will contact Krysten Foster re: additional cost estimates for the underpass, road, etc.

Specific tab questions discussed included:

- Applicant – since the City submitted the initial application, do they need to be the applicant for designation? Barb will contact GMRPTC to pose the question
- Acquisition costs – discussion regarding potential costs for the parcels adjacent to the current site
- Joint Powers Agreement – not required to submit the plan for designation but will be required if funding is sought. As the funding request is developed, the joint powers agreement can be worked out.
- A resolution will be required at the time that funding is sought but is not required to seek designation (beyond what has already been submitted initially). However, the Master Plan will be presented to both the County and the City for final approval before submission, even though funds are not being requested.

Lisa will work with Mike and Jeff to ensure the Plan is brought before the City Council and County Board once it is finalized.

Next Steps

Barb and Andy will update the plan based upon today's discussion. Once the School Board decision is made on May 17th, the plan can be finalized and presented to the City Council and County Board.

Tentative conference call set for Wednesday, May 30th, 2018 @ 10:00 in case further discussion is necessary to finalize the plan. If there is no need for the call, it will be cancelled.