

MAPLETON CITY TRAILS SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 13, 2009 at 11:00am
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Offices
302 East 1860 North in Provo

Members in Attendance:

Cathy Jones
Rick Maingot
Ann Tolley

Others in Attendance:

Alan Christensen, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Staff in Attendance:

Matthew Brady, Planner I
Stacey Child, Parks & Recreation Director

Minutes Recorded by:

Matthew Brady, Planner I

Item 1: Mapleton City Trails Committee requests a meeting with the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation in order to discuss future plans for the proposed Mapleton Canal Parkway Trail.

Matthew Brady (Matt), Planner I, gave a review of the previous meetings the City had with the Bureau of Reclamation, as well as the recent cost estimates given to the City by Horrocks Engineering for environmental studies, design, and construction for the proposed Mapleton-Springville Pipeline Trail. The City's main concern at this time is the cost, and whether there is a possibility of doing a Categorical Exclusion to be able to save costs on the project. **Alan Christensen**, Civil Engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, discussed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for allowing a trail on the Mapleton-Springville Pipeline corridor. There are three levels of studies for federal agency actions under NEPA: Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), which are the most detailed studies; Environmental Assessments (EA), which determine the possible need for an Environmental Impact Statement; and Categorical Exclusions (CE), which allow for exemptions of studies for certain minor actions of federal agencies. EIS and EA reports address compliance with approximately 300 federal laws. Mr. Christensen stated that the concerns of neighboring property owners alone would generally trigger the need for an Environmental Assessment. He also stated that Horrocks Engineering didn't include the Bureau of Reclamation costs of approximately \$30,000 for the Bureau's review of an Environmental Assessment. He stated that in addition, federal law requires that the Bureau of Reclamation be paid fair market value for use of federal land. However, the Bureau does have a national policy of supporting trails construction, and a waiver of the use fees for the pipeline trail might be possible. Lindon City received such a waiver for a portion of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail where it runs through the Bureau of Reclamation's property. On portions of the pipeline corridor where private individuals own the underlying property and the Bureau only has easements, the City would have to negotiate individually with those property owners regarding compensation for the trails use. **Rick Maingot** asked whether doing the trail project through the southern part of the City only, where there weren't concerned property owners, would make a difference and allow for a Categorical Exclusion.

Mr. Christensen stated that the Bureau could give more direction on this matter if a preliminary map were submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation for review. It was concluded that the committee would discuss a narrowed project scope and get a map to Mr. Christensen for review.

The Trails Sub-Committee adjourned from meeting with Mr. Christensen, and continued their meeting outside the building. More discussion was had on possibly narrowing the scope of the trail from Dogwood Drive or 1600 South southward. Mr. Brady stated that he would bring a property ownership map to the next Trails Sub-Committee meeting so that the extent of the trail could be better defined. **Stacey Child** stated that it is possible that up to \$100,000 of Parks and Recreation impact fees could be allocated to the pipeline trail project.

The Trails Sub-Committee Meeting for Monday, April 13, 2009 was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Matthew Brady, Planner I

Dated:

Cathy Jones, Trails Sub-Committee Secretary

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