

**DES MOINES RECREATIONAL RIVER & GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WALLACE OFFICE BUILDING
DES MOINES, IOWA
FEBRUARY 20, 2004**

1. ATTACHMENTS: Meeting Attendance List.

2. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of the Des Moines Recreational River and Greenbelt Advisory Committee was held at 10 a.m. on February 20, 2004, in 4th Floor Conference of the Wallace Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Jeffery Vonk, Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, called the meeting to order, welcomed committee members and guests, and spoke briefly about the meeting's purpose.

3. OLD BUSINESS.

a. The Advisory Committee approved the July 2004 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Gary Loss, Corps of Engineers Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, briefed the Advisory Committee on the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 appropriation, allocation, savings & slippage, and the Federal budgeting process. The FY2004 Greenbelt appropriation was \$3,217,000 of which \$2,460,000 has been allocated.

b. 10.5 million would be needed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 to fully implement the proposed Greenbelt plan.

c. Project Updates. Mr. Michael Tarpey presented the current status of the active project and each sponsor was given a moment to speak.

- i. Fort Dodge. The Design Agreement is expected to be finalized in March 2004 and the Engineering Documentation Report will commence immediately afterwards. The City of Fort Dodge expressed their satisfaction with the progress.
- ii. Des Moines Principal Riverwalk. The Design Agreement is expected to be finalized in March 2004 and the Engineering Documentation Report will commence immediately afterwards. Both the City of Des Moines and the Principal Financial Group are satisfied with the progress.
- iii. Des Moines Amphitheater. The City of Des Moines and Department of Justice have approved the Consent Decree and work has begun to design the required modification to comply with ADA.
- iv. Lake Red Rock – Cordova Park. Development of the Engineering Documentation Report is underway. The Corps is developing a scope of work for the solicitation of an Architect/Engineering (A/E) firm to develop a master plan for Cordova Park, interpretative themes, building concept plan, and amphitheater concept plan.
- v. Lake Red Rock – Trail Segment 4B. The Corps is currently completing the plans and specifications for the project and expects to have a contract award in May 2004 for a part of the trail.

- d. Mr. Tarpey presented the 2004 Implementation Plan that is included in the 2004 APMR. The Advisory Committee stressed timely execution of projects. It was noted that the timelines in the APMR need to be edited to reflect the schedules shown in the PMPs.
- e. Mr. Tarpey discussed the ongoing effort to update the Master List of Projects. In the draft 2004 APMR, at the request of the project proponent, 27 projects have been suggested for removal from the Master List of Projects. The Advisory Committee recommended that the Boone Protected Water Area one project on the removal list remain on the Master List. The APMR will be updated to reflect this recommendation.

4. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Mr. Tarpey reviewed the draft 2004 APMR, which was mailed to all Advisory Committee members for review and comment, and presented the comments the Corps had received to date.

b. A motion was made to approve the draft 2004 APMR with the revisions discussed above. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Trail Map. Mr. Tarpey presented the Trail Map that Advisory Committee had requested be prepared at the July 2003 meeting. The Trail Map will be included in the 2004 APMR.

d. Invitation of other trail groups to next Advisory Committee meeting. As part of the trail map discussion, the Advisory Committee decided to invite other interested parties to the next meeting to discuss coordination of efforts.

e. Mr. Mark Ackelson presented a plan by the Metro Trail Alliance to fund a \$50 million 12-year effort to build bicycles trails in the Des Moines area. The money would come from a local sales tax increase.

f. Dragoon Trail.

1. Brochure. Mr. Brian Holt requested that the Dragoon Trail Brochure be reprinted. According to Mr. Arnie Sohn, the master plates used to print the brochure have been lost. The Corps of Engineers volunteered to scan the brochure and make it available in PDF via the Corps Greenbelt website at <http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/Greenbelt/>.

2. Inspection of signs. Mr. Holt inquired if the Dragoon Trails were being inspected to ensure rider could follow the trail.

g. Meeting frequency. The Advisory Committee decided that 2 meetings/year is sufficient

5. NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING. The next Committee meeting will be September 17 ,2004 in Fort Dodge, Iowa, at a place and time to be determined.

6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

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ATTACHMENT 1

MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Arnie Sohn	IDNR	515-281-5814	Steve Edwards	Marion County Conservation Board	641-828-2213
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Eddie Peterson	Webster County	515-573-7175	John Moreland	Senator Harkin	515-284-4574
Jay Byers	Congressman Boswell	515-282-1909	John Franey	Gov. Appoint.	515-848-3561
Mike Wallace	Dallas County Conservation Board	515-465-3577	Marvin Morris	Corps – Saylorville Lake	515-276-4656
Scott Cahill	Principal	515-248-4186	Brian Holt	Hamilton County Conservation Board	515-832-9570
Mark Ackelson	City of Pleasant Hill	515-262-0015	William Sheperd	Marion County	641-828-2231