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Got em thanks frank

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On Jul 13, 2016, at 4:12 PM, Frank Neelis <bucktree@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Meeting held on July 11, 2016 at the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Conference Room, 15486 Club Delux Rd., Hammond, La. at 2 P.M.

In attendance: Alyson Lapuma, Terri Abadie, Ben Taylor, Za Maurin, Galen Schum. Alma Chaisez, Frank Neelis

Meeting was started by Frank shortly after 2 P.M., thanks Alyson for use of facility. Treasurer report was held till Alma could arrive. Review and acceptance of last meeting minutes and brief discussion of selected meetings held since that time to deal with additional matters.

An update on the proposed Manchac Greenway Commission and the meeting with Parish officials and status of process to place in ordinance form for consideration by the two Parish Councils under study by legal counsel of each Parish, Cliff Speed in Tangi and Mr. Perilloux in SJtB.

Discussion ensued regarding verbiage and sections to clarify and simplify. Sec. 5, Membership of particular note. (Upon request the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement can be provided)

Frank provided a brief update regarding the Tangipahoa Parish BP Restore Funds allocation and discussion with Rob and Chris of SLU. Frank volunteered to attend Tangi Council meeting in evening. Full report follows at end of these minutes.

A report on the meeting with Amber in regards to the development of the Manchacgreenwxay.org web site was given by Ben, Za and Alyson. Very satisfactory and future input was discussed and contact information shared. Thanks Amber.

Alma arrived and gave Treasure report. She will provide a full report to Board members. (Available upon request)

Discussion ensued about prioritization of next step. Two initial steps were chosen: 1) a professional inventory of vegetation along the entire Greenway. Mr. Paul Orr, licensed arborist, called Frank during discussion and Frank briefed attendees of Mr. Orr's suggestions. 2) Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan to examine the feasibility of projects discussed. Alyson suggested we seek advice from the NORPC on this matter.

Frank addressed some operational procedures, i.e. stationary, business cards, etc.. Za noted during discussion with Amber she has students who will assist on designing logos that could be utilized on a broad range of such material and future applications.

Frank brought up subject of other opportunities for funding opportunities be they grants, donations, events, etc.. Ben led off with several ideas that soon turned into a round table of numerous ideas. Frank asked if Board members would begin circulating such for further developments

A proposal was made that names be submitted of one from each Parish for nominations to serve on the Board from individuals who represent economic interest associated with the Greenway. These could be property owners, business interests, and/or residents of the area.

Frank closed the meeting by mentioning the "wish list" that had been submitted to the Tangi Parish President for consideration of the BP funds and also brief mention of the Transfer Program by the LaDoT&D and how the old road was still under agreement with Tangi Parish.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

,Tangipahoa Parish Council meeting at 5:30 PM, July 11, Council Chambers, Amite.

The meeting was called to order by Council member Bobby Cortez. Frank and Drs. Rob Moreau and Chris Beachy were in attendance. A large agenda was proposed, and upon review of such it was noted that T.P. Resolution No. R16-17 was included that addressed the BP Restore Act funding. Upon study it was noted that of the total Parish allocation of \$668,361.25 there was an allocation to the Greenway, \$45,104.25 and to SLU, \$40,000.00. It passed unanimously. Frank in discussion with Pres. Miller at end of meeting thank him for his effort. He advised that we need to get together and work out details for submittal to the U.S. Treasury by July 31.

The next day Frank, Rob and Chris met in Rob's office and review the development and discussed priorities. As the Friends of the Manchac Greenway Board had addressed this, it was an easy choice. SLU will focus on their aspects and select from a list they had proposed and how these can be coordinated.

Frank contacted Mr. Orr and request he develop a proposal for the vegetation inventory and Frank has also notified the other members of the vegetation committee and sought their input. Alyson proposed to contact the NORPC and develop a professional RFC for submittal to planning consultants.

Two loose ends are the involvement of SJTB Parish for allocation of funds to the project in order to cover the entire Greenway with the inventory, comprehensive plan and SLU's projects.