

**MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL
REGULAR MEETING**

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Wednesday, May 27, 2009
5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dennis Rinehart; Barbara Stafford; Chairperson Rolf Ohlemutz; Chris Craiker; Vice-Chairperson Chip Bouril; Phill Blake; Bob Zlomke; and Bill Bennett. Dennis Scherzinger arrived during Item IV.

II. Public Comment.
None.

III. Approve Minutes of the March 25, 2009 Regular Meeting.
Minutes approved with the following revision to Item III: District staff was directed to attach to future minutes a list of Panel comments generated from the review of plans provided by an outside agency; the comments will be forwarded to the agency for their responses. Minutes approved.

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IV. Review of Behrens Street Pedestrian Bridge Options for Railing, Concrete Form Liner, and Lighting Fixtures.
Julie Lucido, Project Manager, distributed plan sheets from the 95% design and went over examples of railing, form liner, and lighting options contained in the agenda packet and via projector. The item was opened for discussion. Linda Kerr of In Harms Way was commended for her research on the different railing options offered by the bridge manufacturer. The Panel's comments will be forwarded to the designer (see Attachment "A"). An updated design will be brought back for the Panel's review and comment in the future.

V. Flood Project Status Report and Update.
Julie Lucido, Project Manager, went over the \$99,483,000.00 stimulus funds allocated to the Corps under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and described how the money would be used to fund the construction of the Bypass Rail Bridge and Napa Creek construction projects as well as various maintenance and design tasks. The item was opened for discussion.

VI. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.

- **Request for Waiver from the Napa Valley Yacht Club for dock extension (approximately two months).**
- **Possible site visit of planting areas on east bank of Napa River (next month).**

VII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
None.

VIII. Confirm Next Meeting Date of June 24, 2009.
Meeting date confirmed.

IX. Adjourn.
**Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on
Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood
Control District Conference Room.**

ROLF OHLEMUTZ
Chairperson

ATTEST:

JULIE LUCIDO
Secretary

By: GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

Vote: BB = Bill Bennett; PB = Phill Blake; CB = Chip Bouril; CC = Chris Craiker RO = Rolf Ohlemutz;
DR = Dennis Rinehart; DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BS = Barbara Stafford; BZ = Bob Zlomke
Notations under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained

Technical Advisory Panel Comments – May 27, 2009

Options for Railing, Concrete Form Liner, and Light Fixtures – Behrens Street Pedestrian Bridge

*For reference, Linda Kerr, on behalf of In Harms Way, suggested block form liner, the lighting on page 14 that is currently used at the Veterans Memorial Park, and another color option instead of black (green more appropriate) for the railings. Ms. Kerr also contacted the bridge manufacturer and found that they offer horizontal or vertical bridge railings and suggested vertical for both the bridge and ramp railings and that the hand railings should be rectangular instead of tubular.

Panel Comments
Would like to be consistent with Coombs Street Pedestrian Bridge. Agrees with block form liner. Hand railings should be consistent with bridge railings. Prefers industrial lighting on the bottom of page 13.
Supports In Harms Way (IHW) suggestions. Agrees with vertical railings for both and is in favor of "Farnum green" for railings. Prefers ornate lighting on page 14.
Agrees with prior comment and with IHW. Prefers block form liner and suggests adding beige color. Prefers vertical railings and down lighting (industrial).
Sensitive to neighborhood's concerns but should take into consideration being consistent with the Coombs Street Pedestrian Bridge.
Supports IHW. Agrees with block form liner but with no color added. Prefers vertical railings, ornate lighting on page 14, and any color other than black. Would like to see if there is a cost option to add lighting under the bridge.
Behrens Street Pedestrian Bridge not visible from Coombs Street Pedestrian Bridge; therefore, unnecessary to have bridges match. Prefers vertical railing and block form liner. All of the lighting appears to cast horizontal waste light and causes light pollution. Prefers industrial lighting if it meets the standards of the day. The task for street lighting needs some diffuse lighting. Supports green color vs. black.
Would like to request LED lights for the lighting. Prefers industrial lighting and vertical railings as long as they match. Prefers block form liner if cost isn't a concern, but if it is, suggests plain concrete and keep it as inconspicuous as possible.
Agrees with vertical railings; suggests vertical railings for bridge and small railings on page 9 that lead up to the bridge. Will reserve opinion on treatment of concrete until dimensions and exposure are known for the concrete surfaces. Favors industrial lighting on the bottom of page 13.

There was a general consensus among the Panel that vertical railings discouraged people from climbing the railings better than horizontal railings.