

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



Wednesday, June 29, 2005

5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call; Call to Order.

The Napa County Technical Advisory Panel met during regular session on June 29, 2005 with the following members present: Tony Norris; Vice-Chairperson Dennis Scherzinger; Barbara Stafford; Rolf Ohlemutz; Dennis Rinehart; Bob Zlomke; Jo Ann Busenbark; and Chairperson Larry Bahr. Phill Blake was absent.

II. Public Comment.

George Henke commented on the proposed redesign of the river trail around the Hatt Building, stating the \$200,000 being offered by the City of Napa is a waste of money for 100 feet of trail and the numbers that are being looked at will not reflect the total cost. He added that tax money should not be utilized unless it is approved by the public.

Muriel Fagiani questioned the original cost of the trail and if funds allocated for the original design could be credited towards the redesigned portion and if it would be feasible to exchanges ideas on this matter.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2005.

Minutes approved with the following correction: Jo Ann Busenbark was excused from the meeting.

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IV. Status Update on River Trail at Hatt Building.

Jon Lander, Principal Engineer, went over two proposed redesigns of the trail behind the Hatt Building, provided by Harry Price's structural engineer. The redesign would be funded with private money with the exception of proposed redevelopment funds (collected from the Downtown district) from the City of Napa. Mr. Lander stated there would be a meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and their design consultant on June 30 to transmit the idea of the proposed redesign to the designer, who would come back with the cost and time frame. Requests for proposals for the Hatt to First Street construction project were extended to July 7, with contractors bidding on the plans as they are without the change to the trail. This work is anticipated to commence in October. If timing is suitable, and if a proposed plan for the redesigned trail is engineered, available, ready, and funded, the Corps will add the redesign of the trail to the contract as a change order. Mr. Lander noted there was an element in the original proposed trail redesign by Harry Price and his consultant concerning a rise in the trail that would need to be reworked and have a flood gate added. The item was opened for discussion. When plans are developed and estimates are made, this subject will be brought back to the Panel for further review.

- V. Update on Land Use Restrictions.
Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, went over the legal basis for ensuring compliance with conditions set forth in Requests for Waivers as a follow-up to Item IV of the May 25 meeting. The approval of waivers is subject to a City of Napa ordinance with a City municipal code outlining the basic requirements. The City has an agreement with the District in which they incorporate the District's comments/requirements into use permits in relation to subject projects and properties. The City has jurisdiction in enforcing the District's conditions placed in the use permits, which are also conditions in granting the Request for Waivers. Mr. Thomasser went over two specific examples of compliance follow-up mentioned in the staff report. The item was opened for discussion. As a follow-up tool, Mr. Thomasser mentioned the creation of a spreadsheet that would track waiver information, such as an expected follow-up date for waivers that had conditions imposed.
- VI. Flood Project Status Report and Update.
Rick Thomasser, Senior Flood Project Analyst, went over the latest Project schedule, noting key areas of interest. The item was opened for discussion.
- VII. Agenda Items for Future Meetings.
Suggestions were as follows:
- **Special Meeting to Consider Redesign of Trail behind Hatt Building (As Needed);**
 - **Review Plans for River Trail from Lincoln to Oxbow Area; Review List of City Permitted Uses;**
 - **Update on Farnum Kerr Memorial.**
- VIII. General Comments from the Panel. (This is an opportunity for Panel members to informally discuss items and ask questions.)
Member Busenbark mentioned that during a recent trip to Venice, Italy, she learned they have 250 days out of the year that are considered "flood conditions." When she questioned the definition of a flood condition, it was stated that any time water comes up through the walk areas that are tiled, that is considered a flood condition. Since the city is dependent on tourism, there is a scaffolding system when the water is ankle-deep so that tourists can still be accommodated.
- Member Rinehart expressed his gratitude towards Member Zlomke and thanked him for his past services on the Panel.**
- IX. Confirm Next Meeting Date.
The next Regular Meeting date of July 27, 2005 was confirmed.
- X. Adjourn.
Adjourned to the next Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Panel on Wednesday, July 27, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Flood Control District Conference Room.

LARRY BAHR
Chairperson

ATTEST:

HEATHER STANTON
Secretary

By:

GREG MORGAN
Supervising Office Assistant

KEY

Vote: DR = Dennis Rinehart; PB = Phil Blake; RO = Rudolf Ohlemutz; BS = Barbara Stafford;
DS = Dennis Scherzinger; BZ = Bob Zlomke; TN = Tony Norris; JB = Jo Ann Busenbark; LB = Larry Bahr

Notations Under Vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstained