

Design Committee Minutes
March 17, 2008

A meeting of the Oregon Solutions Design Committee and a subsequent meeting of the Scope of Work Committee for Project Exodus was held in Portland on March 17, 2008 at the Corps offices. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:20 a.m. by Chair Rick Klumph. In attendance were Larry McKinley, Don Hurd (alternate for Chad Allen), Dale Buck, Mark Trenholm, Joy Vaughn, Robert Anderson, Doug Clarke, Terry Buchholz, Shawn Reiersgaard, Colonel O'Donovan, Tilda Jones and Dick Townsend. On a telephone conference call were Commissioner Mark Labhart, Senator Johnson and Mark Gervasi. Paul Levesque was ill, and not able to attend.

Design Committee: Senator Johnson said she wanted to bring up a potential opportunity and get the Design Committee's reaction. Safeway has offered to sell the old store property on Hwy 101 and she offered that securing this property might prove useful in the design of Project Exodus. Copies of the correspondence from Safeway to Senator Johnson were handed out. The letter indicated that \$38,000 (refundable) would be required for six months as a down deposit. Senator Johnson described the offer as conceptual. Dale Buck asked what would happen to the property if it were purchased. Senator Johnson said it would get torn down. Mark Gervasi said the city needs to have an open space plan for instances such as this. Don Hurd asked what the sale price is and said the Safeway site is very controversial since the property is useable for commercial purposes. Larry McKinley said the channeled space in the Safeway floodway area would help in the highway design process. Commissioner Labhart said in order to consider the purchase and its implications, we need to make the down payment. As the Executive Committee for the Oregon Solutions Project Team, there was general agreement and consensus by the Design Committee that an expenditure of \$38,000 be spent as a refundable deposit to secure the Safeway site. A motion was made to that effect by Dale Buck, seconded by Don Hurd with it passing unanimously.

The Design Committee then heard some brief updates on the progress of other projects. Commissioner Labhart and Mark Gervasi had other business to attend to and were disconnected from the conference call. Senator Johnson stayed on the phone. The removal of the Dean Pile is about to wrap up. Don Hurd said it looks good. Tilda reminded everyone that Friday the community was having a thank you gathering for the National Guard. Rick Klumph gave an update on the Spillways. He reported a site visit took place with Nehalem Marine and permit agencies to go over design issues. At the conclusion of the site visit, there did not seem to be any red flags. Dick Townsend reported that the Gravel Extraction project still had not gotten underway through the help of P.S.U.'s Oregon Consensus Program. He suggested that perhaps we should move ahead using someone else's assistance. He will bring a staff recommendation back to the Design Committee at their next meeting. Rick Klumph said we are continuing the work with and wait for Entrix to give us more information on the Trask Hook project.

Scope of Work Committee:

Dick Townsend made introductory comments and spoke of the need to first define a scope of work before the Corps is given Project Exodus to design. He said a scope of work and modeled design will assist in securing grants. Doug Clarke said there is a need to determine consensus on various impediments, otherwise a design by the Corps would become very controversial in the community and most likely become unworkable. There was discussion and comment on swales and silting up of channels. Robert Anderson reminded the group that Pete Dickerson, at previous meetings, explained what sort of project would provide maximum benefit and that could well direct the design. How to have public input done in a manageable way was discussed. Several suggestions were made to talk about what a best project might look like and then back up the project based on constraints.

Doug Clarke said that USACE money was not available for us to use Pete Dickerson but that the Corps has no less of a commitment to help on this project. Pete will have to be funded in order for him to provide specific design services. He said the Corps recommends that no further surveys take place and their work should rely on the last available information to model (for conceptual work). He then stressed that the community needs to work on defining what it wants. The scope should also provide for flexibility. Public input needs to be done, and in a controlled manner so repetitive designs are not done. He reminded the group that because the Project Exodus design would be accomplished with Oregon Solutions own money the project won't have to be economically justified by cost/benefit analysis. Terry Buchholz from DEA said you need to set up the scope of work for "success." She commented that scoping would be done in such a way as to address criteria from grant funding sources. Senator Johnson said the project should be phased. Rick Klumph summarized that what he has heard so far: 1. Don't break the bank on modeling, 2. That cost benefit justification is different, 3. There is interest in Pete's involvement, 4. There is interest in phasing and having elements that are related to each other, and knowing what each costs. Terry reiterated that there needs to be a discussion and agreement on what criteria will be used to evaluate the project by the community – how you evaluate success and the benefit. Shawn Reiersgaard reiterated the process to establish measures to success. He said we should design the best project possible and address constraints as the second step

Points made so far were summarized:

1. There was consensus that the project design at this point be kept at the conceptual level.
2. There needs to be further discussion of agreed upon key constraints before the project is designed by the Corps. Terry said based on goals and objectives of the community the stakeholders will say what they consider success. Examples given of discussion points were: depth vs. width; what size of event should be modeled; the role of Hwy 101; publicly owned land vs. property owners; etc.

3. Writing a scope of work will assist the Corps in their design; provide information to the community on what the project may be; and assist funding entities to secure grants.

There was agreement that the Oregon Solutions Project Team would be the best “community group” to convene to have the design parameters (impediments or elements for success) discussion. There was consensus to get the O/S project Team to lay out criteria for an optimum plan. Such a meeting would also allow DEA to lay out the frame work for next steps. Terry Buchholz said DEA could put together a list of tasks needed for this process before the Project Team meets. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.