

Centre Regional Recreation Authority
Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee
MEETING SUMMARY - DRAFT
Wed., 19 Aug 09, 4:00 PM at the MMNC Barn

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: 8 of 16 Appointed Members

Dr. Rick Marboe, Chair	Don Epp	Robert Ayer	Diane Kerly
Jennifer Shuey, Vice-chair	Kathy Matason	Jackie Melander	Holly Fritchman
CRPR Staff: Molly Hetrick		GUEST: Alan Popovich	

2. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING SUMMARY

- 17 June 09 Meeting Summary (No meeting during July): Motion by Diane Kerly, Second by Bob Ayer.

3. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES c/o the Building Subcommittee

- **DEP / PEDA Grant (\$500,000 requested) was not awarded to CRRA:**

Molly reported the PEDA grant application submitted on behalf of MMNC was not funded. PEDA received 400 applications and made 25 awards. Molly offered encouragement, however, that options are available to move the project forward. Two options were presented at this meeting (below). Committee members suggested sending a note of appreciation to the members of the Building Subcommittee for their hard work in preparing this application. Rick accepted on their behalf and will pass the word on to other members about this gesture.

- **Education Building Construction Plans & Budget:**

Alan presented two possible alternate plans to the Committee. The first, an idea of building the upper floor only with “stilts”, was quickly rejected in favor of the second plan. This plan, referred to as the “Revised Phasing Plan,” takes the existing full building plans and revises the phases to accommodate the current fundraising pledges. After much discussion by the members, this plan was selected, which includes building the main core of the building for Phase 1, revising the two bays into one large bay in Phase 2, using a lift instead of an elevator, and building the concrete slab and retaining wall in Phase 1 to prepare for Phase 2. This phasing will allow for the core building to be completed with a metal roof and some of the planned eco-friendly features toward a LEED Silver Certification. The Advisory Committee members expressed enthusiasm for this Revised Phasing Plan because it still provides the basic program spaces needed, includes restrooms, is within the budget of the pledges received, and sets up the footprint for finishing the building in the future. The Advisory Committee members were very enthusiastic about this plan and made the following motions:

Motion: Recommend to the Authority to authorize HP Architects to continue with development of a bid package based on these revised phasing plans. (This is within Alan’s current scope). Motion was made by Diane Kerly, Second by Jennifer Shuey. 8 members present voted in favor, motion passed including two members who emailed prior to the meeting with their preference that plans move forward.

Motion: Recommend to the Authority to authorize bidding for the Spring Creek Education Building based on the Revised Phasing Plan. Motion by Diane Kerly; second by Holly Fritchman. All 8 members present voted in favor. 3 other members voted in favor after the meeting via communication with the Chair. Motion passed and will be referred to the Authority at their 10 Sep 09 meeting.

A schedule was discussed based on bid announcements and contractor selection during 2009 with construction to begin in Spring 2010.

BUSINESS ITEMS and OPERATIONAL REPORTS were postponed based on time.

4. ADJOURNMENT Next Meeting: Wed., 16 Sept 09 at 4 PM at the MMNC Barn