



3rd Street Bridge Citizens Advisory Commission
January 23, 2012 @ 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Terry Rumsey, Linda Healy, Brett Lester, Michael Jordan, Sam Lemon, Michael Kinsley, Robin Lasersohn, Paul Robinson (Council), Eric Stein (Council), Jeff Smith (Borough Manager)

Not In Attendance: Adam Kradel, Letita Jeavons

GENERAL

- Council representatives Robinson and Stein presented the project objectives, goals and instructions to the newly formed Commission including guidelines for data gathering, Commission leadership and report format
- Various details of format, content and delivery of a public survey were discussed and a general scope of public survey were agreed upon
- Agreement was made on three basic components (a) educating ourselves as a committee about the project (b) educating the public about the project (c) soliciting and reporting on public opinion
- Agreement was made to develop a brief educational fact sheet (or sheets) that presented the pros and cons on the four primary options for the project
- Agreement was made that basic educational materials should be disseminated with the opinion survey and that materials should include Web links for citizens who wanted more in-depth information
- Following discussion of the pros and cons of soliciting opinions from specific stakeholders (e.g. residents of distinct neighborhoods, business owners, park users, etc.) versus focusing exclusively on soliciting input from the general public it was agreed that more discussion is needed on this matter
- Agreement was made that the committee should attempt to make decisions by consensus; but a committee member may call for a vote to move a stalled decision-making process forward
- A general schedule for collection of data by public survey, processing and evaluation of data and report preparation were agreed upon
- Agreement was made to schedule a brief presentation on the process of dam breaching to be given by Laura Craig of American Rivers

ACTION ITEMS

- Terry Rumsey to contact Laura Craig of American Rivers to schedule a time to provide a brief presentation on dam breaching
- Samuel Lemon to draft and provide to the group the general schedule
- Brett Lester to inquire with Jeff Smith on the availability of the Borough emergency auto-dialing system to distribute information regarding the survey
- Brett Lester to research various online surveying tools and potential resources for tabulating and evaluating survey results
- Brett Lester to make a brief presentation at the 1-30-12 meeting on the current plans for repairing the dam and the three existing designs for establishing an automobile road
- All members were encouraged to conduct research and bring materials on pedestrian-bicycle greenways and on dam removal and stream restoration
- Sam Lemon to contact Media-Providence Friends School as a possible site for a community meeting

The Next Meeting Will Be Held On Monday, January 30, 2012