

Draft Technical Advisory Team Minutes

Wednesday, June 7, Rec Center Conference Room

Present: Mayor Toomey, Mike Błaalid, Brian Temple, Bernie Schmucker, Paula Mazzer, Julie Olson, Jeff Vander Wilt, Becky Pitz, Steve Donovan, Nate Powell, Steve Roth, Stephanie Ellwein City Administrator

Meeting started at 8:00 a.m.

Motion Paula Mazzer, Second Jeff Vander Wilt to approve the April 27, 2017 Technical Advisory Team Minutes as submitted. Motion approved.

Public Input

Jack Albers, Mitchell resident, informed the Committee he moved to town 20 years ago and utilizes the lake daily. He questioned why aren't local companies being used to help with the lake issues and he submitted information in the past regarding holding ponds and floating islands. Brian Temple noted that the Lake Advisory Committee reviewed all data and felt a comprehensive review was needed and Fyra was the only one who stepped forward. Steve Donovan stated there are things that can be done in conjunction with the lake study, however, cautioned that holding ponds and floating islands would not solve the lake issues. Mayor Toomey assured Mr. Albers that all information has been forwarded to Fyra and that they should be provided results and plans of action in the fall.

Old Business

Mike noted that he had been in contact with the Daily republic and they will do media releases on lake quality and testing. Stephanie stated the City website is now posting any lake advisories on the main page and links to information about them.

Agenda

Fyra Progress Update – Mike Sotak from Fyra Engineering, via phone, informed the Committee they are still constructing the model and setting up fiscal data. They have the structure model done and are now waiting for data from the lake piezometer at the end of summer.

Water Quality Observations – Mike Błaalid stated the alga bloom over the weekend is the earliest ever. Brian Temple said the general consensus of the people contacting him is that something needs to be done. Mayor Toomey noted he has been contacted by local tv stations and people are taking notice and concerned the lake is sick and needs to be fixed, noting the more the public is aware of the issue the better it is. Stephanie Ellwein suggested to get more community engagement the TAT meetings should be moved to the Council Chambers where they can be live streamed and the public will be able to watch and submit questions. Steve Donovan questioned whether the current water sampling was enough. Mike Sotak stated due to the cost it is the bare minimum but is enough and if cost allows more sampling could be done but funds would be better spent on the solutions. Julie Olson noted did do testing at the end of April at 6 spots and will testing later in June and twice in July. Mike Błaalid stated he

would send out an email to line up volunteers to help Julie with the sampling. Fyra will review all data received and make any recommendations needed.

Agenda items number 2 & 4 were tabled until the next meeting.

TAT Activities (Lake piezometer, water quality sampling) – Steve Roth informed the Committee he installed the Piezometer at the Kibbee park dock at a depth of 8 feet and beginning June 1st it is taking and recording readings every hour.

Grant for Watershed Coordinator – The grant application was submitted by the deadline of May 26th. Jeff Vander Wilt noted all application reviews will be done by June 16th and notification of grant awards will go out the following week.

Next Steps – Members of the Technical Advisory Team held a discussion on the July 9th date for hosting a public and landowner information event, however, due to the fast approaching date and the need to have more time to organize the event the Technical Advisory Team set the date of Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 12noon – 3 p.m. at Camp Arroya for the public and landowner informational event.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m., noting Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 8:00 am in the City Council Chambers as the next TAT meeting date.

Submitted by: Angel DeWaard