



## **BRAINERD RIVERFRONT MEETING**

December 6, 2018

3:00–5:00 p.m.

**Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce** - 213 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401

**Our Vision – Maximize our Mississippi Riverfront by creating recreational, economic, and cultural opportunities for Brainerd’s residents and visitors.**

**Attendees:** John Forrest, Don Gorham, Tony Sailer, Jeff Ledin, Jim Roloefs, Jennifer Jacquot-DeVries, Holly Holm, Ashley Storm, and Holly Larson; National Park Service.

### **1) GENERAL UPDATES**

#### **a) Riverfront Expenses – 2019 City Budget**

The BRC submitted a 2019 budget request to the city council to be considered. At this time, ten (10) hours per week for riverfront coordinator services and \$40,000 for the trail feasibility study is in the budget. Council to vote on levy by December 18, 2018.

#### **b) National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Awardee**

The City of Brainerd was awarded technical assistance by the NPS for FY 2019 for non-motorized trail improvements along the Mississippi River. Opportunity exists to extend the contract if needed. A site visit and project coordination meeting occurred on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff from the NPS, BRC representatives, and City of Brainerd staff were present.

Holly Larson of the NPS was present at the December BRC meeting and gave the committee and overview of funding sources for the trailhead and river trail projects.

A series of funding sources and the general program requirements were discussed:

- DNR Outdoor Recreation Grant Program
- Conservation Partners Grant
- DNR Local Trail Connections
- LCCMR

DNR staff will be consulted to provide guidance on appropriate funding programs. It's recommended that LCCMR be tapped for funding than bonding funds. LCCMR does not require a match but likes to see community involvement and/or community contribution. Match requirements will be required for the majority of the programs discussed. A concept design session will be held at the January meeting to determine site constraints and begin a dialogue around program elements for the trailhead.

Committee to seek buckthorn removal grant programs. The mitigation of the invasive species provide an opportunity for incremental change but also provide community assistance opportunities.

Discussion occurred on improving water quality and environmental improvements should be a committee goal in 2019. Community engagement and outreach will be part of the trailhead design process.

A mapping exercise will be held at the BRC January meeting at the trailhead site.

**The next meet is scheduled January 3, 2019 at 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber.**

Our staff believes that this document accurately reflects the business that occurred during the meeting. If any member feels the minutes contain errors, omissions and/or inconsistencies, persons should notify Ashley Kaisershot at [Ashley.kaisershot@sourcewell-mn.gov](mailto:Ashley.kaisershot@sourcewell-mn.gov). The meeting minutes will be considered approved if feedback isn't received within seven (7) days.