



## **BRAINERD RIVERFRONT MEETING**

March 7, 2019  
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:** Erik Roberts, Ashley Storm, Jeff Ledin, Cassie Carey, Ross Ladehoff, Laura Rathe (WBCC), Mary Aegerter (WBCC), David Chanski, Tony Sailer, Paul Sandy, Cassandra Torstenson, Jennifer DeVries, Don Gorham, John Forrest, Ashley Kaisershot, Karl Samp, Holly Larson, NPS; Barrett Steenrod, NPS.

### **1) GENERAL UPDATES**

#### **a) Committee Report Out**

Members of the committee attended the Walkable Bikeable City Committee (WBCC) meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The BRC would like to work alongside the WBCC in the future to expand and enhance walkability along the riverfront. The two organizations will share meeting agendas and attend the pertinent meetings that include applicable agenda items.

A meeting was held on February 25<sup>th</sup> to advance the relocation of the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail Association in Crow Wing County. The next meeting will be an official meeting where a board of directors will be elected. Don Gorham and Erik Roberts of the riverfront committee will serve on the Board of Directors for one (1) and three (3) year terms.

### **2) PROJECT UPDATES**

#### **a) Cuyuna Lakes State Trail and MnDOT Project List**

Engineer Sandy was present to provide an overview on the upcoming fleet of projects that will be occurring in the city. Advancements are being made to construct a portion of the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail within city limits. This funding came from 2014 bonding association for the construction of the trail in Deerwood. A joint powers agreement is being finalized. The proposed alignment is along Highway 210 between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Cyclists would then connect down the Spur Line Trail, eventually connecting to the Cuyuna Lakes Trail on College Drive.

b) Funding Analysis and Overview

A set of local grant programs have been identified to help fund the rest of the dollars needed for the trail feasibility study. Deadlines for submission are early April. Staff introduced a strategic plan to help build support and buy-in for this project in 2019. The results from the trail feasibility study will influence our state ask in next year's bonding cycle. Strategic planning towards funding also includes budgeting appropriate dollars for matching programs in 2020. City budgeting season starts late August.

3) **DESIGN EXERCISE AT MISSISSIPPI LANDING TRAILHEAD**

- a) Staff from the National Park Service gave a presentation including a multitude of case studies and photos on seating options, plaza spaces, trailheads, signage, amphitheaters, splash pads, and other site elements. The groups split into three groups to complete a design exercise of the trailhead site. Groups reported out on their concept designs. Similarities amongst all three included hillside seating, public art, trail, parking, and stormwater retention.

NPS will compile all the concepts and present conceptual master plans and perspectives in April/May.

**The next meet is scheduled April 4, 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.