

**Marine on St. Croix  
Village Center Task Force  
October Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 1, 2013

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Village Hall

**Invitees:**

Dan Willenbring  
 Kristina Smitten- Canq attend  
 Nancy Cosgriff  
 Tod Drescher  
 Andy Kramer  
 Karen Kramer

Mary Vogel- Canq Attend  
 Jack Warren  
 Mary Lusher- Absent

**Citizens:** Curt Moe, Mary Skamser

**Agenda**

**2014 Area of Focus – Engineering studies for north end and signage**

6:00		Review Agenda
6:05	Dan Jack & Dan  Dan Tod All  All Dan Dan All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership discussion- Dettmer and Housley</li> <li>• River Trail Status             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Organize effort to clean storm water ditch</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prepare Proposal request for engineering feasibility design</li> <li>• Update on 3rd street dumpsters</li> <li>• Signage             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Burris Park Connector Trail</li> <li>○ No Parking at Mill Site trail entrance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Any efforts for Marineø's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary</li> <li>• Art Bench project- Meeting on 10/3 2 PM Phipps Center for the Arts</li> <li>• St. Croix Valley Tourism brochure- Rosemary Mansfield</li> <li>• Additional Topics</li> </ul>
7:00		Adjourn

## **Proposed Discussion**

### **Partnerships**

State Rep. Bob Dettmer visited Marine during the Art Fair on Saturday 9/21. Meeting was arranged by Curt Moe. Purpose was to garner support from Bob for the Cultural Resource Survey needed at the lower Mill Site in order to proceed with more trail work. Bob provided some guidance on how to get more support; i.e. determining MHS priority of request, ensuring MHS speak to the project at upcoming bond bill meetings, get other partners to visit the site. We also provided a overview of the VC concept plan. Those attending representing Marine: Curt Moe, Anne Reich, Jack Warren, and Council Members Lusher and Willenbring. Thank you letter attached.

Dan Willenbring sent a follow up email to Curt's request to Senator Housley. Her office called me back to acknowledge receipt and said Karin will follow up with me upon her return from London.

Curt moe to dicuss further with Cription next steps

Discuss next steps with Watershed, Park Service, and Washington County

### **River Trail Status**

Need to establish a time to organize volunteers to help clean out storm drainage ditch. Sentence to Serve crew will be on site in the next week to help clean up this area. Curt will coordinate and Jack W. will assist with direction of work efforts.

### **Engineering Proposal**

Need to define the scope of work to be performed by City Engineer to better define the efforts and costs associated with the Village's Concept Plan. Area to include North Judd St, 3rd Street and Linder St.; major scope of work are pavement removal; grading efforts; storm sewer collection, retainment & outfall; road cross sections, and landscaping and extension of sidewalk past MHS property

### **3rd ST. Dumpsters**

Tod to summarize his discussions with Reynolds and outline next steps discussion may also include how and what do we apply to the area west of the Brookside. Next steps are to identify ownership representative of the condo association. Group discussed the positioning of the dumpster pad as to provide easy access to pick up containers while minimizing turning on the pavement.

### **Signage**

City Council tabled no parking sign request at last meeting

Determine what specific signing efforts to pursue in 2014; significant structures, pathways and trails, River, and highway.

### **175 Anniversary, Art Bench, St. Croix Valley Tourism**

General Discussion proposed

### **Future Meeting Dates;**

*All meetings at the Village Hall 6:00 PM*

- *November 4<sup>th</sup> Monday*
- *December 10<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday*

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P.O. Box 250  
Marine on St. Croix  
MN 55047  
September 23, 2013

Representative Bob Dettmer  
279 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Dettmer,

Thank you for meeting with our group on September 21 to review the Minnesota Historical Society's (MHS) upcoming bonding request for the Historic Marine Mill, as well as Marine on St. Croix's Village Center plan.

As we discussed, the MHS bonding request will fund a "Cultural Resources Survey", an exploration of artifacts and structures at the Historic Marine Mill. This study will expand our historical understanding of the site, as well as inform trail design and other improvements. A key goal is to extend the trail network and increase educational signage for visitors.

The improvements our volunteer group has made at the Marine Mill site in the last three years has greatly increased usage of the site, which also benefits local businesses. Further expansion of trails will improve access to the St. Croix River, the only public river access between Stillwater and William O'Brien State Park, and will bring visitors to our community, helping maintain its economy.

We will follow up on your suggestion to work with MHS to let the Capital Investment Committees in both the House and Senate know of this bonding request. As these discussions proceed, we will keep you in the loop.

We appreciated the opportunity to provide an overview of our recent addendum to our Comprehensive Plan. As we discussed the focus of this plan is four fold:

Stewardship of the St. Croix River

Provide attractive and functional green spaces

Maintain the historical character of the village

Provide space for community interaction and increase business vitality.

As our concept plans develop, we will keep you abreast of our progress. The City anticipates applying for some clean water grants under the Legacy Program, hopefully sometime next year to help deal with the storm water runoff from State Highway 95.

Again, thanks for your time on Saturday touring the Mill Site. We look forward to your support of the MHS request for a Cultural Resources Survey at the Marine Mill. Please let us know if you have any questions, as we would be glad to discuss the plan further.

Hope you can return next year and spend more time visiting the Marine Art Fair, as it is a lot of fun.

Sincerely,

Curt Moe  
Chair Historic Marine Mill Committee

Dan Willenbring  
City Council Member

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Mayor Mills  
City Council Members Mowry, Pardun, Lusher, Historic Marine Mill Committee, Village Center Task Force, John Crippen, MHS

