



MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT

Steering Committee #12

Meeting Notes

November 9, 2017

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Teleconference Line: 1-866-866-2244

ID: 1949418#

Participants: Andrew John, Mike W., Sally R. Cox, Denise M., Kendall G., Colleen B., Glen P., Newtok Village Council, Newtok Native Corporation, Denali Commission, State of Alaska, BIA, HUD, DOWL

1. Introductions
2. Steering Committee Purpose and Function Discussion
3. Steering Committee Meeting #11 Notes
 - Get BIA assessment from Dewayne Cooper- include three blue homes in count
 - Can the three homes be skidded up to the town site?
 - One of the homes has partially fallen off of the foundation.
 - Mike W. stated that there are people in Newtok that can buy homes- We need to get information from homeowners on their interest to take loans.
 - Andrew John will go house to house to ask about potential interest in loans.
 - Colleen stated that HUD can take the lead on having a housing fair.
 - Colleen discussed the model HUD used for Quinhagak. She stated that this could be a model for Newtok.
 - Need to start looking at the CCHRC housing plan as a start for gathering information from residents. The housing plan includes a lot of information regarding household income.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Colleen to send Andrew Enekaqa-Quinhagak Build to Own Report.**
- **DOWL to send Andrew the housing plan.**
- **Colleen (HUD) to take the lead on a housing fair in Newtok.**

4. Newtok Updates
 - a. Newtok Village Council.
 - b. Newtok Native Corporation

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Andrew to get gravel sales agreement signed.**

5. DOWL Status Report
 - a. Road Construction - 2017 Season
 - Road construction update- discussions about Quarry issues.
 - Andrew stated that Nightmute may have a rock crusher.
 - b. MEC RFP



- MEC cost estimate is \$2.3 million.
- DOWL will be bidding as base with an option to include the MEP.
- Randy, asked Colleen if HUD \$ can be used for the shell rather than the MEP.
 - Colleen said possible, will talk about it in more detail. Need to be careful about changing scope of work.
- Discussion about accessing the \$800,000 USACE PPA and the importance of getting these funds in order to have the MEC built and ready to provide space for the school.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **DOWL to check with USASCE on status of PPA**
- **Sally or a steering committee member to request that the Governor or someone at an executive level put pressure on congressional delegation to get PPA signed**

- c. Barracks Executive Summary (attached)
 - Need NVC's blessing on barracks
 - Can get prep work done in 2018. Load up on first barge 2019- 13 4 bedroom houses

6. Agency Reports

- a. State of Alaska
 - i. Sally discussed the next NPG meeting and stated that she would like to schedule another meeting with the NPG, but would like it to be more focused on solutions.
 - ii. The group discussed having the meeting towards BIA providers.
 - iii. Sally discussed creating a new website to update the public on the project. This will be in addition to the existing website.

ACTION ITEMS

- iv. **Sally will develop a proposed agenda/framework for the meeting that will provide NVC with a good idea on what the next meeting would be like.**
- v. **Adison asked about notes from table top exercise for the Master Implementation Plan- Don and Sally will provide to DOWL**
- vi. **Sally will reach out to DOWL to get information for the website.**

- b. Denali Commission
 - Denali Com gave an update on additional funding that will be provided to NVC for housing. Denali Commission will focus investments on the barracks \$1 million for power, \$1.5 million for housing

ACTION ITEMS

- **DOWL will work with NVC to get resolution supporting the Barracks.**

- c. HUD

Colleen reported out on the ICDGB grant, and let the group know that the debrief on the unsuccessful grant will be provided, and is important in order to be successful on the next round of funding.



ACTION ITEMS

- **Colleen-will follow up with Bill Z on repurposing the HUD IT and report back to Randy.**
- **HUD will take the lead on a housing fair. Need to schedule a date and organize an event.**

d. BIA

- BIA stated that the NPG meeting cannot be scheduled at the BIA Providers conference.

7. Financial & Funding Issues

- a. Master Budget (attached)
- b. The group discussed the budget sheet and purpose of the sheet. Don requested that the total amount of funds that agencies have invested in the project be added to the sheet, included funding to ANTHC and AEA.
- c. Adison let Don know that the purpose of the sheet is to provide a snap shot of funding remaining for the grants/projects DOWL is overseeing.
- d. Adison stated that she will update this sheet to include other funding for the project.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Adison to add total amount of funds to all agencies to summary**
- **Sally to send updated funding sheet.**

e. Grant Applications Update

f. Funding Gaps

8. Closing Comments

- Jolene- BIA Kevin B. is the new Alaska regional director
- Mike- needs to meet with Randy while in Fairbanks to go over financial services RFP.