



## MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT

### Steering Committee #3

#### Meeting Notes

October 27, 2016

3 - 5 PM

**Participants:** Newtok Village Council (Romy Cadiente and Paul Charles), Newtok Native Corporation (Glen Price), Denali Commission (Don Antrobus), State of Alaska (Sally Russell Cox, Jill Furbish and Paulette Schuerch), DOWL (Randy Romenesko and Adison Smith)

#### **Newtok Village Council Update**

- NVC received user name and password for the HUD IT grant. NVC will be drawing down these funds in the near future. AVCP Title VI loan application nearly complete, needing final signatures.
- NVC shared that the skiff, recently purchased by NVC using State of Alaska (SOA) and BIA funds is stuck in Bethel. The Kuskokwim River is now frozen. Boat will be stored in Bethel for the winter. NVC may need to use some of the funds for storage and shrink wrap so the boat is protected while stored. NVC will notify the SOA and BIA once they know more about the plan to store the boat and the costs associated with storage.
- The Newtok boardwalk and boat dock project has been completed. Water tanks have been filled and there is now a second generator in the village.
- NVC shared that the MEC foundation did not get covered this fall. Funding for this work was advanced to NVC by the BIA and State of Alaska (SOA). Funding will be returned to the SOA.

#### **State of Alaska Update**

- The SOA stated that NVC is making progress with their reports and is in a good place getting reports up-to-date.
- The SOA will expect to receive a check from CCHRC/NVC for the amount advanced to cover the MEC foundation work that was not able to be completed this fall.
- The SOA reduced award 12-DC-550 in the amount of \$63,633 to cover a previous advance that was never recovered. No action needs to take place on this. The SOA just wanted to inform the Committee.
- NVC needs to have Goldstream Engineering update the proposed drawdown budget (dates and amounts) against the GO Bond. DOWL received the projection sheets and will work with Goldstream Engineering to get them completed.
- NVC should complete the Bond Projections and future invoices for work related to the Quarry development. Updates need to be provided quarterly to the State.



## **DOWL**

- The Alaska DOT&PF will be going out to Newtok to conduct survey/design work to resurface the runway at the airport. Morgan Merritt is the Project Manager. DOWL will contact Morgan to see if work can be coordinated.
- NVC should look into TERO Ordinances to understand more about the union and existing agreements in place that can help with getting residents trained and ready to work on projects.
- The SOA provided DOWL and NVC with DOL contact. The SOA would like a report at the next meeting that discusses coordinated efforts with Zack Fields.
- The SOA would like DOWL and NVC to prepare a capital request just in case funding comes available. Currently there is no plan by the State to submit a CIP Budget to the legislature.
- The SOA requested that the Denali Commission help work to get a policy that provides a special tax credit for the carriers in Alaska, specifically Newtok for the delivery of necessary food – the tax credit can reduce the costs on shipping.

### **Denali Commission**

1. Denali Commission provided a report out on the existing award to ANTHC and AEA.
2. ANTHC will develop, coordinate, and maintain the survey information for the community that will be accessible for any organization who will perform design or construction work in Mertarvik.
3. ANCHC will be performing geotechnical investigations in 2017 that will be available to all agencies or firms who work in Mertarvik.
4. Denali Commission has \$900,000 available for programmatic environmental work. DC is working with USACE to determine who will be lead agency.
5. Don will share ANTHC's Financial Award with the SOA.

### **DOWL**

1. DOWL provided a report out of its activities. (See DOWL Progress Report Attached). A large portion of this discussion was regarding the RFP's is developed to obtain an IDIQ A/E, IDIQ Contractor for housing and MEC, and Paymaster firm on board.
2. The Committee appreciated the path that DOWL is going and stated that they have concern about force account work. Putting the RFP's out on the street for competitive bid is the direction that the Committee wants DOWL and NVC to go using the SOA and other funds.
3. DOWL reviewed a proposed 2017 housing plan using available HUD IT and AVCP Title VI funds. The Committee felt like there needs to be a long term housing plan that looks more housing and identifies the gap funding need. The housing plan also needs to include the IRT buildings and the blue houses. The Committee would like to see what the total cost to renovate these buildings actually is; this will be tasked to the IDIQ A/E firm.
4. DOWL discussed the FEMA HMGP acquisition application and agreed that the DOWL team (along with existing resources familiar with the application process) need to get the application complete and do not need to develop an RFP for this. The work is urgent and needs to get done by January 1<sup>st</sup>.



5. DOWL stated that ANTHC and CCHRC will be traveling to Newtok to hold a housing/community meeting the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>; DOWL will be traveling with the team for this meeting.

## **General**

1. Glen Price mentioned that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is going to be doing the final plat once the community plan is done. He raised concerns about making sure ANTHC does not finalize the plat. Denali Commission stated that ANTHC is just going to finalize the community plan and will coordinate with DNR and the Corporation once they plan is final.
2. The community layout needs to include a barge landing and fuel header for the delivery of fuel. ANTHC will work with NVC to identify the location of the barge landing and fuel header.
3. Glen Price and ANTHC will meet to discuss additional acreage that may be available for the fuel header and barge landing site.

## **Action Items**

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1. NVC will notify the SOA and BIA once they know more about the plan to store the boat and the costs associated with storage.
2. NVC will move spray foam equipment and welder from Mertarvik to Newtok so this equipment may be returned to its owner. NVC will also move several drums of spray foam from Mertarvik to Newtok for warm storage this winter.
3. DOWL will work with CCHRC/NVC to get the amount advanced to cover the MEC foundation returned to the SOA.
4. DOWL will work with Goldstream Engineering to get the GO Bond Projects completed.
5. DOWL will bring assist NVC to get all SOA reports up-to date.
6. DOWL will contact Morgan to see if survey work can be coordinated with TCC and/or ANTHC survey efforts.
7. DOWL and NVC will look into TERO Ordinances, union agreements and work with SOA DOL representative Zack Fields to understand more about the direction NVC should go to get the workforce ready for construction next summer. DOWL will report to the Committee at the next meeting on this topic.