



MERTARVIK RELOCATION PROJECT

Steering Committee #7

Meeting Notes

March, 9, 2017

10 AM – 12noon

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Participants: Newtok Village Council, Denali Commission, State of Alaska, DOWL, BIA

1. Introductions –Glen Price, NNC Atty; Don Antrobus, Denali Commission; Sally Russell-Cox & Jill Furbish, AkDCEED; Barbara Blake and unknown person, Governor’s Office; Romy Cadiente, Bernice John, George Carl, Frieda Carl, Ray Carl, Tom John NVC; Mike Walleri, NVC Atty; Lynn Polcaca, BIA, Stu Hartford, Julie Stoneking BIA Roads; Duane Cooper, BIA Housing; Jolene John BIA; Adison Smith & Randy Romenesko, DOWL.
2. ANTHC Site Plan
 - a. Community will review and provide final comments the week of March 13th. ANTHC plans to have the final community plan completed by the end of March. The Denali Commission will need the final community plan for the scoping meeting of EIS in Newtok on March 22.
 - b. Site Control Agreement between NVC and NNC
 - i. Glen needs guidance on the rock and other items on site control. He would like the Denali Commission & DOWL to review his request and provide him with feedback and comments.
 - ii. The BIA TTP funds require that the roads are open for the public use. The NVC and NNC will need to include an agreement on this in the master real estate agreement.
 - iii. The plat will show these as right of ways but it cannot be transferred to the state or anyone else unless it has BIA approval.
 - iv. Glen will provide BIA the site agreement for their review and comment.
 - v. The plat needs to show public ROW. NVC is the road owner; NNC is the landowner.
 - vi. NVC doesn’t need title. The NVC will have the ROW and will be the road owner. The subsurface is owned by the village corporation.
 - vii. NVC and NNC need to make sure all of the buildings are captured in this agreement.



- viii. Need to start discussions with YKHC/AVCP-RHS/LKSD about site control. These will be separate agreements between NNC and the entity.

3. Housing

- a. Glen will develop a lease for the two houses built under the Title VI funds by AVCP RHA.
- b. DOWL will provide Glen initial housing locations after the site plan is approved by NVC.
- c. Mike W. recommends that we have a meeting with BIA housing – after we get the sub recipient signed so we can set the paper work.
- d. NVC still needs a housing expert on the team to assist NVC with the packaging and leveraging of various funds.
- e. DOWL will provide a copy of the CCHRC task order/agreement amendment to BIA contracting official.
- f. BIA (Dewayne Cooper) will check with BIA staff to see if the BIA HIP funds can be leveraged with the A16AV01004 grant for house training funds.

4. MEC

- a. Update provided. No comments/questions.

5. Roads and Quarry

- a. Think about the ROW for 100 feet.
- b. DOWL to send BIA an updated budget.
- c. Need to find a resolution for the wastewater system at MEC – GEI is planning on bringing in small septic materials to support the construction camp. Need to investigate and test septic system installed at MEC to see if it is viable for future use.

6. Financial Issues

- i. MEC is one of the only evacuations in the entire state – the MEC could be an evacuation center for western Alaska.
- ii. Mertarvik can serve as an area hub with the development of the planned runway at 4000LF.
- iii. School – in 2018 – four families will be moving to Mertarvik – four families consisting of the FEMA Buy out Application.
- iv. Sally will provide the original study for the MEC evacuation center. Patrick Lemay completed this.
- v. Ice roads are an allowable cost under the BIA Transportation funding.

7. Closing Comments

- a. NVC – Priorities are getting the site development options laid out.



- b. Don A. I would like to see this group begin to have a discussion on “temporary displacements” – if we can’t get all of the homes in Mertarvik done – we need to have a plan for where those individuals will go. Set up a brainstorming session to come up with an option – look into Newtok and Mertarvik and then outside of Newtok. Phase of the long term development.
- c. Romy Cadiente- can we come up with extra money to rehabilitate and utilize the blue AVCP homes. Need to get the homes sited in the site development plan.
- d. Sally Russel Cox- How can HUD be involved in small gap funding. HUD can help provide funding for translation of design and construction documents if needed.
- e. Sally Russel Cox - Newtok Planning Group meeting would be on April 13th. **Need to set up a separate meeting with DOWL and NVC to discuss meeting prep.**
- f. **Stu Hartford noted that BIA needs to adopt HUD’s EA.**
- g. BIA would like to have a meeting with BIA while NVC is in town about options to get the housing funding leveraged.
- h. Jill Furbish –NVC will need to submit state single audit.