

Waimea Trails and Greenways

MEETING NOTES

August 24, 2009

PRESENT: Clem Lam, Peggi Kamisato, Jim Lutter

1. Leningrad met with the Mayor and asked if we have a meeting with him. He consented and Leningrad will get back with us later this week.
2. Email and correspondence within the committee - Clem has once again hit the send key before thinking. Laura requested that we have a confidentiality policy within the committee that what is said in emails does not go out to the general ether or to unintended readers.
3. Clem talked with Pat Phung 2 weeks ago about Title 40 (Protection of the Environment) excluding ped and bike paths. He said this is not the NEPA law and that it is much more complicated than that. The consultant should get an environmental planner to sort through the mire of environmental requirements. David Imata has been talking to some.
4. How best to use the \$2 mill bond float County money?
 - Consequences of building something and jeopardizing future federal funds.
 - Consequences of not building something and the money disappears or goes just to studies and not getting any physical thing built.
 - Can a bridge be a stand alone project without jeopardizing future funding?
5. Meeting with Mayor - talking points:
 - Wide community support - as evidenced by work day turn out, desire for another work day, use of the trail, landowner support.
 - Funding - the community secured the first funding 11 years ago, the County through it's mismanagement has lost the money.
 - First consultant quit after 8 years and hundreds of thousands of dollars. Current consultant was put on hold just before submitting final drawings because County did not have federal requirements correct. there is no visible oversight, no schedule updates, poor project management.
 - There is \$2 million bond float - how is this going to best be used so it is not lost?

- if the EA must be done, is this to be used on more studies and nothing on the ground?
- could this be used to put in 2 stream crossings critical to the connectivity of Increment One? Would this jeopardize future federal funds?
- Would it best be used to secure future Federal TE funds for an 80-20 match? Put the County in a readiness position for the next call for TE funds. Future of TE funds may be precarious.
- Help put in the permanent fence from Opelo Road to Kahawai Street so we can organize a work day to open up that part of the trail.
- Hire Mike Kraus's geo track machine to cut the temporary trail from Opelo Road to Kahawai Street - this machine can cut trees up to 5" in diameter, and leaves in its wake a mulch that could become the trail surface.
- Project manager - Parks and Rec has failed the trail - otherwise it would have been built by now. Is there another County project manager available that could better serve this project. We want results - not excuses!

cc. James Komata, David Imata