

Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee Meeting

April 24, 2018, 3:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

Grand County Public Library

257 East Center

Moab, Utah 84532

The following individuals were present:

Committee Members:

Mary McGann, Committee Chair and Grand County Council Chair
Rani Derasary, Moab City Council
Karen Garthwait, National Park Service
Elaine Gizler, Moab Area Travel Council
Bill Jackson, Grand County Road Department
Jennifer Jones, BLM – Moab Field Office
Joette Langianese, At-Large Stakeholder
Zacharia Levine, Grand County Community Development
Tony Mancuso, Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Amy Tendick, National Park Service (replacing Karen Garthwait)
Kelly Thornton, Utah Division of Workforce Services
Dana van Horn, Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency
Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison (non-voting staff for MTPSC)

Site Futures Subcommittee:

Russell von Koch (Chair), Saxon Sharpe (Vice Chair), Norm Boyd (At Large Member). Stakeholders Derasary, Jones, Levine, Mancuso and Tendick are also members of SFC.

Moab UMTRA:

John Sattler (DOE, Acting Deputy Federal Clean-up Director), Joe Ritchey (S&K Logistics, Senior Program Manager, Technical Assistance Contract), Honora Thompson (Pro2Serve, Public Affairs Manager)

Citizens:

Mimi Levitt (citizen), Michael Liss (citizen, spokesman for *Arches for the People Initiative*), Jason Johnson (Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands), Ashley Bunton (Editor, Moab Sun News)

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Mary McGann. Per Resolution 2992 sufficient committee members were present to constitute a quorum. Chair McGann asked the 23 attendees to introduce themselves.
2. Review of Minutes of January 23, 2018 Meeting – Rani moved, Dana second to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed, 7 in favor, 3 abstained (did not attend the January meeting), none opposed.
3. Project Status – TAC Senior Program Manager Ritchey provided an update on Moab UMTRA progress, noting that almost 57% of the tailings had been removed so far. Joe also reviewed the project safety record and described the ALARA program (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) which aims to protect the employees from unnecessary radiation exposure.

4. Washington DC Meetings – Chair McGann reviewed her March 14-16 visit to Washington DC with City Councilperson Tawny Knuteson-Boyd and Stakeholder Joette Langianese. Mary reported that they had a busy three days, meeting with congressmen and staffers from Utah and downstream states, plus representatives of US Department of Energy to appeal for a \$10 million per year increase in funding for Moab UMTRA. Mary and her colleagues concluded that this visit contributed to an increase of \$2.88 million for FY18, announced by USDOE shortly after their DC trip. Mary noted that the intent is for a local contingent to do that trip every year until the Moab UMTRA is complete. She also stated that she intends to invite both candidates for the seat of US Senator Orrin Hatch plus staffers for Senator Lee to visit Moab to learn about the importance of Moab UMTRA to the citizens of Grand County and the State of Utah.
5. Arches for the People Initiative – Michael Liss gave an update on a proposal to develop the eastern 50 acres of the Moab UMTRA mill site to improve via public-private partnerships the efficiency and visitor experience for travel through Arches National Park, as an alternative to NPS plans for a reservation system for Arches. Mr. Liss fielded several questions from Stakeholders.
6. Site Futures Committee Report – Lee gave a brief overview of the history of the SFC and introduced the members. Chair von Koch provided an orientation since none of the current MTPSC Stakeholders were members of MTPSC in 2013-14. Russ described the public input process, conclusions reached and the Initial Community Vision endorsed by both City and County Councils in early-2014. After a brief discussion, Chair McGann announced MTPSC consensus that an update to the ICV was timely and that it is appropriate for SFC to resume their efforts at this time.
7. Stakeholder Updates – NPS Stakeholder Garthwait introduced Compliance Manager Amy Tendick who will take over as NPS Stakeholder on MTPSC and the SFC.
8. Air Monitoring and Activities – Lee reported that, due to the length of today’s meeting, he would post updated trend charts for air monitoring results on the Grand County website in a few days but that he saw no significant variations from typical levels of radon, direct gamma or radioparticulates in the Y17Q4 data.
9. Future Agenda Items – Lee suggested an update on project progress from the Moab UMTRA team, a review of air monitoring results, consideration of the draft Moab UMTRA Annual Statement of Continued Compliance and the report from the Site Futures Committee.
10. Meeting was adjourned by consensus at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Shenton, Grand County UMTRA Liaison