



**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 3.b

Title: Active River Project Update – Information Only

Presenter: Chris Adesso

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: October 24, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$ N/A

Budgeted Amount: \$ N/A

Not Budgeted:

**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

The Active River Task Force wishes to provide the Council Committee updates on the status of topics pertaining to the Active River Project/Concept. The Task Force offers the attached information to the Committee. A member of the Task Force will be available at each of the Government Services Committee meetings to respond to any questions or comments that the Council Committee may have.

**Attachments** *(please list):*

\* August 22, 2016 - Task Force Meeting Minutes

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

None – For information only.

MINUTES  
ACTIVE RIVER TASK FORCE MEETING  
BAKER COMMUNITY CENTER, ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS  
JOHN RABCHUK, CHAIRMAN  
AUGUST 22, 2016

Members Present: Chris Adesso, Trish Beckjord, Rick Brems, Holly Cabel, Chris Bong, John Rabchuk, John Wessel

Members Absent: Monica Meyers, Jim Enck

Others Present: Ed Werneke, Tony Zehnder, Candy Boulay

Visitors Present: none

Call to Order

The meeting was convened by John Rabchuk at 8:06 a.m.

Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the August 8, 2016 Active River Task Force Meeting. Motion by Rick Brems, second by Chris Adesso to accept and place the minutes on file.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays – None; Absent: Monica Meyers, Jim Enck

Motion carried at 8:06 a.m.

Task Force Updates

Intergovernmental Working Agreement

City of St. Charles, St. Charles Park District and River Corridor Foundation are entering into a new Intergovernmental Agreement for funding the Active River engineering feasibility study. Holly Cabel stated the agreement will be presented to the Park Board tomorrow evening, August 23, 2016. The agreement will be presented to the City by the end of September for possible approval.

### Bob Leonard Walk

John Rabchuk asked if benches would need to be approved by the City Council. Chris Adesso stated they did not need to be approved. John stated there are three bench orders thus far.

Jim Enck and John Wessel will be preparing documents for soliciting bids for the materials, planting and construction. Plans will need to be shared with the Fire Department.

### Anderson Kinetic Sculpture

The sculpture will be ordered for an October delivery date and possible installation. Public Works will manage the project and utilize funds previously budgeted for Johansen's Island for design, engineering and installation. Lighting cost will be absorbed by the City. John stated: Andersons will be loaning \$50,000 towards the project; to assist cash flow. Once the loan is repaid, the Anderson family will make a \$20,000 donation for the naming rights to the sculpture. Additional funding for the combined Bob Leonard Walk landscape/furnishings and the Kinetic sculpture include \$20,000 from the River Corridor Foundation and a \$10,000 gift to the River Corridor Foundation for public art along the river.

Discussion took place regarding the shipping of the sculptures. Chris Adesso stated he would need to know how the sculptures are being shipped and how much they weigh. Depending on installation timeframe, the sculptures may need to be stored. John Rabchuk stated it would be desirable to have the sculptures installed this year; the sculptures shouldn't be ordered until a delivery date is set.

Chris Adesso stated a structural engineer's stamp of approval is needed for construction and asked if it should be paid for at this time.

Chris Bon, Chris Adesso, Jim Enck, John Rabchuk and Tom Anderson will hold a meeting to discuss landscaping, sculpture and design.

John Rabchuk will speak with Salerno's related to the installation. Chris Adesso will speak with representatives of Carol Towers.

### Marketing

Signage was discussed. Signage should be compatible with other permanent signage throughout town. Temporary signage will be made by the City. Trish Beckjord suggested working with the Downtown St. Charles Partnership to seek input on signage. Holly Cabel stated there is different signage for different reasons.

Trish Beckjord stated opportunities should be sought to promote the Active River Park when possible. John Rabchuk stated a press release will be going out soon.

John Rabchuk shared the recent Chicago Tribune article regarding Greenville, South Carolina.

### Meetings and Presentations

John recently presented an update on the Active River Project to Downtown St. Charles Partnership board. The Board was receptive and supportive; emphasis placed on the Active River Project will be as an urban development project base rather than recreation.

A brief project update was made to the Executive Board of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce at their August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Chamber Board is adopting a resolution providing support for the City to prioritize and expedite the investigative efforts of the Active River Project.

Discussions are still in process with the Fox Valley Board of Realtors.

A presentation will be scheduled with the Metro West Council – Fox River Valley subgroup.

Dale Luecht of the River Corridor Foundation will work with the High School Environmental Class doing water quality testing in September 2017.

Presentations to the Pottawatomie Garden Club will be scheduled in early 2017.

A St. Charles delegation will be scheduled to visit Greenville, SC once the feasibility study is complete; spring 2017.

### Other Outreach Efforts

The Active River Project generated over \$350,000 in enhancement efforts for the Fox River and riverfront through St. Charles and that additional efforts (such as concept plans for Boy Scout Island) are underway.

### Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at Baker Community Center. John Rabchuk stated he will not be in attendance; Chris Adesso may chair the meeting or it may be cancelled if items can be communicated via e mail. The following meeting will take place on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Candy Boulay stated all future meetings at Baker Community Center will take place in the lower level near the Teen Center.

Motion by Holly Cabel to adjourn the meeting, second by Trish Beckjord.

Voice vote: unanimous; Nays – None; Absent: Monica Meyers, Jim Enck - Motion carried at 8:56 a.m.