

MINUTES
COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Thursday, June 11, 2020

The CTAC meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by JLDC staff. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Chuck Buus, Bruce Binkowski, Jerry Muethling, Tim Blake, Jack Smith, Chris Lamoreaux, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Gena Nellis, Marta Bertoglio, Jim Buterbaugh, Hannah Nieskens, Ann Geiger, Paul Babb, Gerry Keough.

1. Zoom video meeting started at 8:03 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. May minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for April with 1175 days without a lost time accident and 850 days without medical report. No spills or environmental issues. Discussed the Covid-19 update, using questionnaire and assisting some groups in the community with PPE. Internal Covid-19 CDC procedures have been implemented. Offered help with procuring PPE.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Working on mill demolition, retrofit, electrical wiring and seeding and reclamation. In the process of removing some generators.
 - c. **Employment Status** -18 FTE and 13 FTE contractors.
 - d. **Tailings Reprocessing/Concentrator Project**- Engineering is progressing. Removing bad mill liners through contractor, then they can remove whole mill. September 2021 make concentrate and ship. Current contractor will be submitting bid for mining. Finalize design at 50% so they will start ordering new equipment
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. Presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Tailings reprocessing permit submitted to DEQ. Scoping for permit. Two months comments – August 15 and schedule scoping for public.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** –65 acres have been reseeded so far this spring. Seeding of 32-acre cap beginning this week. Need rain. Reclamation work is 2 years.
 - c. **Closure Planning**- No update
 - d. **Other Items**- None
5. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** –Alison re-doing Conference Room for virtual meetings. Found that bar back was built in 1899. Public meetings, land meeting and MDC virtual meeting is rescheduled for next week. Legacy Center public meeting at Volunteer Hall or Zoom on June 11, 2020 at 6:00pm. There will be more meeting site selections. JLDC strategic planning with Zoom. Tom spoke on the meat packaging plant selecting contractor for feasibility work. Tim B spoke on test design for wind prototype test uni. Assisting businesses with loan application support and Covid-19.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Nick H. shared public pool will open this season working through budget of \$32,000. They have \$16,000 currently and need \$20,000 more through donations. Sidewalks are being worked on by the state and will run the length of Legion Street to be ADA compliant. Chip Seal contract work has begun with collecting old chip seal. The chip seal work will be July 6-12, 2020. Town is working on contracting garbage service.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- Hannah reported that K-5 is still looking for a counselor. Phase II is allowing for onsite opportunities for summer classes K-5, June 2- July 16. Drivers Ed will be July 8-10th. Open gym and fields for sports. Finishing crows' nest and bleachers on field, sound and light and Varsity gym bleachers this week and gym in late July. New fencing and blocks will be put up so cars cannot drive through fence and on grass. Class of 2010, in lieu of reunion, raised \$2777.00 to pay off old lunch accounts. All were paid off and have left over money for the upcoming school year. Next fall plans are up in the air and in a holding pattern.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – John says for now Frontier Days is on. Supported take-out night, rally for the retired, cruise night for graduating classes 12-8. Plan for Fire Department, Garage Sale, and Farmers Market on June 20. John thanked Alison for all her help. Leonard says the census will be knocking on doors for folks with P.O. boxes, or you can go online and fill it out.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Leonard shared new road supervisor and other positions have been filled, self insurance for employees, doing budget work, Montana City solid waste site work, Hot Springs bridge rebuild, delayed, Whitetail and Hwy 69 construction, gravel up Cottonwood Canyon. Bruce says plan concerts are planned for August, plans for Halloween, fairgrounds had several cancellations but new reservations have started coming in, updates about COVID-19 on radio, new trail maps and be Bear Aware!

10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Pipestone bid advertised. Slough plan being developed.
11. **Fish Wildlife & Parks** – Be bear aware as there have been bear sightings.
12. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date June 11, 2020/Adjourn**– Paul B updated on the street lights being changed to LED which are more economical and brighter. Ann says Liberty Place testing is complete and all is well. Job fair wasn't productive. Whitehall Public Transportation is available for community use, RFP underway for paving project. Alison is available to distribute packets for information on Covid-19 and Census. Leonard requested going back to Live Meetings. 😊

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m. and the next meeting is set for July 2, 2020.