



## **TCAAP EIRF 12-10-14 ERAB Meeting Minutes**

- I. Attendees
  - a. *Lyle Salmela – ERAB Chair*
  - b. *Kent Bencoter – ERAB*
  - c. *Jim Ostlund – ERAB*
  - d. *Andrew Holewa – ERAB*
  - e. *Kate Knuth – ERAB*
  - f. *Brenda Holden – JDA Liaison*
  - g. *Ryan Streff – City of Arden Hills*
  - h. *Greg Mack – RC*
  - i. *Zack Hansen – RC*
  - j. *Mary Karcz – RC*
  - k. *Michael Ahern – EGE*
  - l. *Mike Bull – CEE*
  - m. *Colonel Larry Herke – National Guard/AHATS*
  - n. *Megan Tisdale – Xcel Energy*
  - o. *Cindy Auld – Xcel Energy*
- II. The Agenda was approved
- III. Meeting Minutes from the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved
- IV. Colonel Herke of the National Guard and Megan Tisdale and Cindy Auld of Xcel Energy were introduced
- V. The team reflected on the recent JDA and City Council meetings
  - a. *Both meetings were positive*
  - b. *The White Paper has been received well*
  - c. *The JDA and City Council asked good questions and focused on how we can implement the options presented.*
  - d. *The City Council was very focused on the urgency that the site is facing and stressed the need to identify early opportunities for implementation.*

- VI. City Policy Follow-up
  - a. *Ryan reviewed the City's status on the Redevelopment Code*
  - b. *The final draft should be complete by late February*
  - c. *The Comp Plan should also be ready for approval in mid to late February*
  - d. *Multi-family design standards should be ready for review by the end of the week*
  - e. *The City is still evaluating Exhibit IV of the White Paper: recommended modifications to the Redevelopment Code*
  
- VII. White Paper Priorities/EIRF Focus
  - a. *Michael reviewed the current work effort of the team*
  - b. *Primary focus is on collaboration with both AHATS and Xcel.*
  - c. *The TCAAP site development schedule is not certain, so providing a cost-benefit analysis is more difficult to do without including some energy load that is already established. As such, our initial proposed implementation plan will involve integration with AHATS and the adjacent Ramsey County Public Works facility.*
  - d. *The schedule for developing implementation plans is as follows:*
    - i. *Concept development: December*
    - ii. *Detailed financial analysis and cost-benefit analysis: January*
    - iii. *EIRF drafting: February*
    - iv. *EIRF finalization: March*
  
- VIII. Xcel Discussion
  - a. *Lyle discussed the opportunities that the ERAB sees for collaboration with Xcel Energy*
  - b. *Xcel has a goal of 100 MW of solar generation by 2016*
  - c. *Other opportunities could include electric vehicles, battery storage, and integration of LED lighting*
  - d. *Energy design assistance programs are available for homes and businesses*
  - e. *Rebates are also available for installing energy efficient equipment.*
  - f. *Xcel does not believe that they will need another substation in the area to meet TCAAP needs*
  - g. *Xcel is intrigued by the micro-grid opportunities in the area*
  - h. *Implementation of a solar garden/community solar has potential on-site*
  - i. *Xcel is not interested in replicating the Camp Ripley solar program (with MN Power). Third-party developers will need to be involved.*
  - j. *Mike Bull and Cindy reviewed the difference between community solar and wholesale solar programs. Community solar is much simpler, whereas wholesale solar requires PUC approval.*
  - k. *Mike Bull noted that the RDF fund has not been used in the past for design funding, but it could be in the future.*
  
- IX. AHATS Discussion
  - a. *Colonel Herke reviewed AHATS goals*
  - b. *Primary focus is on three areas:*
    - i. *Resilience*
    - ii. *Net-Zero*
      - 1. *Water*
      - 2. *Waste*
      - 3. *Energy*
    - iii. *Energy conservation: 30% reduction is the goal now, but that is expected to be increased in the future.*

- iv. The Colonel reviewed the programs designs implemented at the new division headquarters*
- v. The readiness center is expected to be complete by July, 2015*
- vi. The National Guard is intrigued by the opportunity of implementing a demonstration site.*

X. Other Discussions

- a. Greg mentioned that Spine Road utility coordination efforts should begin soon*
- b. The group discussed the need to educate developers on the energy opportunities that are available, including areas that are not going through the RFP process.*
- c. The team discussed the importance of having leadership from the various stakeholders at the table.*

XI. Upcoming Schedule

- a. Upcoming monthly ERAB meetings:
  - i. Wednesday, January 14, 5:30 pm
  - ii. Wednesday, February 11, 5:30 pm
  - iii. Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 pm

XII. Other