

Trenton Enhancement Program
9/25/2012
Trenton Airport Conference Room
Minutes

Attending: Bill Stockman, Susan Starr, Allison Rogers, Jim Fisher, George Hopkins, Ryan Swanson, Lisa Cowan – Studio Verde

Introduction to Studio Verde

- Collaborative organization
- Sustainable Designs
- Local projects
 - Schoodic Gateway Monument
 - MCHT Office in Town Hill?
- Engineering – Al Godfrey TMS – Prime Contractor
 - Subcontracted design to Studio Verde



Process

- Review of documents on HCPC website
- Some elements were not fundable under MaineDOT criteria, but design would cover everything
- Walked back through thick brush to see full site



Designs

- Sloped site
- Southwestern side of ramp – seemed steeper and more difficult to develop
- Northeastern side of ramp – more promise
- Considerations of where to put items
 - Pet area
 - need to avoid wetland
 - Located next to the buildings – can't have fence
 - Performance area at bottom of the hill
 - ADA Access – using buffer between ramp and performance area
 - Privy
 - Bike parking
 - Interpretive signs
 - Picnic area
 - Allison – Like the idea of a campus – coordinated architectural elements
 - Roof line would match the pattern of the Airport Terminal
 - Design is not included in Cowan contract
 - Children's Play Area
 - Suggest a natural area
 - Rocks, ropes, logs
 - Boats, Planes, local themes
 - Discussion of what will be designed and built in this stage

- MaineDOT will pay for design of the footprint
 - Installation of natural materials
 - Terraces and slopes
 - Option of hiring a design firm specialized in playground design
- Vegetation
 - Will require earth movement
 - Addition
 - soil mixture
 - hearty grass mix
 - Brush out the southwestern side
 - Will this affect people using that side
 - Need to consider maintenance of that view
 - Airport needs 10' along fence lines for the bush-hog
 - Buffer Plants
 - Salt tolerant
 - Adaptive - Non-native, non-invasive, eg. Spiraea, Rosa Rugosa?
 - Fence line with Morris Yachts
 - Allison will find out if Morris Yachts has plans for the fence
 - Could the fence be planted with vines, replaced with a wall
- Stormwater management Bio-swales to capture and treat runoff
- Bike/Pedestrian/Bus Access
 - Not certain about the future of Caruso Road, but probably will move
 - Warf Road
 - Bus stop, perhaps near the pet area?
- Parking
 - Probably need to create more parking
 - Move the bike trail to the other side and create dedicated parking
- Signage
 - Route 3 – byway sign
 - Naming the scenic turnout
 - Ryan Swanson and the Recreation Committee might host a name the turnout contest for local residents
- Granite walls
 - Airport has a granite pile nearby
 - Mount Waldo – Closed mining operation has extra material
 - Contact is Robert Drew, Frankfort Granite Committee Chair (Jim Fisher has contacted him)
 - Obadiah Buell (422-8926) Sullivan Granite quarry has a large supply of irregular cut blocks. Obadiah and Gibran Buell provided much of the granite, including splitting, facing, engraving, etc. for the Schoodic National Scenic Byway. Jim Fisher has contact him)
 - Other local suppliers – Sullivan, Stonington, Orland
- Electricity
 - Power taps at stage and near boat ramp
 - Lighting
 - Should be night sky friendly / full cutoff
 - Solar foot lights option