

NOTES & ACTION ITEMS

Meeting No. 5 – October 20, 2016

Bavarian (Leavenworth) Substation Community Focus Group

Attendees: Scott Bradshaw, Susan Noland, Tom Keziah, Jordan McDevitt, Joel Walinski, Elmer Larsen, Nathan Pate, Chad Rissman, Suzanne Hartman, Gary Rice, Teka Parks, Becky Jaspers, Steve Wickel, Shaun Seaman

1. Meeting Summary:

- Shaun opened the meeting, reviewing meeting #4 and the work that had been done up to this point.
- There was a discussion about City-owned property 8a
 - The construction is almost finished pending the completion of a lift station, sewer and water lines to serve utilities in the area. The property was purchased as an easement for a right of way (ROW). The property is 3 acres with only $\frac{3}{4}$ acres currently being used. 8a is a remnant parcel that is the larger of the two for sale to the PUD. Currently the city does not have plans for the property. It was noted that it would be desirable to build a road that would benefit the community, connecting the Chumstick Hwy and Titus Rd.
- Gary gave an update on the consultant HDR's analysis, scope of work, and schedule.
 - Gary reported that on-site visits were done at all three locations and site photos were taken on Thursday, Oct. 13. More information will be available after the on-site visits showing distribution and transmission routes. Daniel reported that information for this is being gathered and they are working on getting aerial views of each site. Additional information will include; showing how a generic substation will look, the pros and cons of each site, and the preliminary, relative cost.
 - Site #3 – Transmission discussion. Should have renderings of transmission and distribution by Nov. 2nd community meeting. Photos show three views for transmission options. The site has a flat space to build where a substation could be put in the back; but there is also the option to build in the front.
 - Site #8A – Needs further analysis of topography. There is a possibility that the low area could be utilized. There is a need for a lot of earthwork, e.g. rocks and tree removal to make this site viable.
 - Site #9 – Challenges with distribution. There are no details about this site at this time.
 - For the Nov 2 meeting, Gary will ask the consultant to provide transmission renderings. May not be able to provide substation renderings within this timeframe.
 - From the on-site visits, HDR has a better understanding for the Bavarian theme, and will look at getting the next level of detail. This will include street views, themes, more detail on routing costs; the timeframe for this should be December/January.
 - A focus group member noted that transmission follows distribution on Birch and down Ski Hill. There is an option to add to the transmission route alternatives; these alternatives could include alleys. Other members recommended staying off Ski Hill.
- Chad reviewed the Oct. 4th RAC meeting and reaffirmed why the PUD does not currently have any underground transmission and why the PUD does not have any plans in the near future to begin undergrounding transmission.
 - This would require a policy change for the PUD. Costs are higher and the question remains who will absorb those costs? The biggest hurdle is explaining the challenges of what is technically feasible and what is possible along with the cost and the policy changes. The questions have been brought back to the PUD and the position is that this is outside the scope of this particular project.
 - Going forward is there a request to look at the cost for this project; is there value at this time? There would be a need to build redundancy because the lead time for repair equipment is very long and the outage time is not acceptable. Tom stated there are still concerns about additional transmission needed to feed a substation in area #3. It was noted that there are a lot of variables for the clearance of transmission.
- Shaun discussed the upcoming November 2 Community Meeting
 - The purpose of the Community Meeting is to provide a status and information update and gather feedback. The desired outcomes include; an informed community, input from the community, gathering local knowledge of potential issues, and community support for the direction we are going in.
 - Look at summarizing outreach efforts and report on the timeline. Agenda items include; a backgrounder or fact sheet on the process - e.g. Substation 101. Also, provide visuals for the three parcels of land, visuals of transmission lines for all three, and any other information we would like to share with the community. Important to note that the private property owner in area 3 has not committed to selling, but rather is allowing the PUD to use their property for analysis.