

JEFF CAR 2015 S106 DRAFT Meeting Notes #2, JUNE 19, 2012

Topic: Definition of Undertaking & APE

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There was no WebEx presentation for this meeting

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I. Introductions

II. Review of Meeting #1 Draft Notes

- The Monument noted some misspellings that they would forward for correction.
- Margo Brooks noted that three email addresses were bad for Joyce Collins (USFW), Ronald Hammerschmidt (EPA) and Lt. Commander Jeffrey Morgan (UCCG). Alan Edmonson said that he would forward new contact information and also noted that Colonel Thomas O'Hara had retired and should be removed from the list.

III. Definition of the Undertaking

- The PA is currently set up to cover portions of the project covered under the NPS EA, including the projects on NPS land and that managed by Great River Greenways. FHWA is doing its own S106 compliance for the lid and the compliance for Kiener Plaza will be covered by the City.
- Question: FHWA work is incorporated into a whereas clause that acknowledges the project, but states that the compliance will be done separately. Can the rest of the undertaking be defined by reference to the eventual FONSI and the description in the EA?

- There was a short discussion of the schedule and whether it would be useful to unhook the PA from the NEPA process. This could be done with the proper public review. We would need to discuss the process further.
- Maggie Hales asked that however we define the undertaking that we need to be cognizant of the overall project schedule and not delay the project.
- Discussion resulted in a preference to use the general EA description of the project areas and actions to be taken there (pg. 1 of chapter 2 lines 33-50), but to break it up into easily read bullets. Clearly state that this is the general range of actions under consideration. Mention that they will be refined and changed through the design and review process.
- Discussing the FHWA role in a whereas clause was approved.
- It was suggested that the City's role at Kiener Plaza should also be described and documented in a whereas clause. It was noted that since certain aspects of the winning design (beer garden, children's playground) were removed from the Memorial grounds, there could be a perception that Kiener Plaza would not be updated except for the changes going on at the Memorial. It was also noted that Kiener Plaza is not considered eligible for listing in the National Register and improvements there are not expected to have an adverse effect.
- Greg and Margo will work on a new undertaking description to share at the next meeting.

IV. Area of Potential Effect

- Margo and Greg noted that the draft APE was put together 4 months ago and does not reflect recent changes to include the riverfront improvements in the project. This map would need to be changed to include the whole riverfront project as defined on page 12 of the draft EA chapter 2.
- Jenny Nixon noted that the APE does not include the riverboats, helipad, metro station and other locations that would be affected by the project. Additionally, she noted that many of the resources numbered and identified on the list accompanying the APE map no longer exist. Finally, the aerial photo is old and should be updated.
- Janet Wilding noted that if it were advisable to have the EA and PA APE match up, that she thought that several of the EA maps could be combined to form a new APE map.
- Alan Edmonson noted that for future discussion it would also be useful to have street-level views of the historic properties within the APE and views of the riverfront project area. CitySearch.com or Google Earth were recommended as places where such views may be easily captured.
- Judith Deel noted that all of Eads Bridge should be included in the APE since it is all one historic property.
- It was agreed that the APE should encompass a portion of the river, the Eads bridge and the whole riverfront project area in addition to what is existing.
- There was some confusion over what the numbered buildings were on the APE map. These are identified historic properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- Jenny Nixon and Janet Wilding will work together to mark up some maps to form a new APE map for review at the next meeting.

V. List of Meeting Agenda Topics (subject to change)

- Dates for the next meetings are below. Topics are subject to change.

#	Date	Topic
1	06/08/12	PA Development Introductory Meeting & Optional Web Ex
2	6/19/12	Definition of Undertaking & APE
3	6/26/12	Review of new Undertaking Description and Continuation of APE Discussion/Identification of Historic Properties Discussion
4	7/3/12	Project Review Process & Effect Determinations/Mitigation
5	7/10/12	Other Issues
6	7/24/12	Discussion of Final Draft Document

VI. Other Issues/Confirmation of Next Meeting Topic

- There was a question about whether the EA would be available electronically. It will be available eventually for public review on the NPS PEPC (Planning, Environment & Public Comment) web site. The project home page is listed below and people will be able to submit comments electronically via this web site. <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=37612>
- The park also maintains a project web site will link to PEPC and also archives our meeting notes. <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/parkmgmt/car2015.htm>
- A question was brought up about the riverside projects and whether people have seen the newest design. Janet Wilding wants to be sure that input on the design to date is received from the compliance folks. She will determine if her contractor can provide access through SharePoint. If not, DSC will explore the option with the Denver project manager.
- Janet Wilding also agreed to share the riverfront design schedule for review, with the caveat that the dates may change.
- Margo and Greg are still accepting any mark ups to the PA that people may want to submit. None were received prior to this meeting, but several people said that they will try to submit some mark ups before the next meeting.

VII. Action Items

Status	Responsible Party	Task	Date Added/ Completed
D	Margo Brooks	Send out meeting notes and agenda	6/20/12
D	Margo Brooks & Greg Cody	Revise undertaking description	6/20/12
D	Janet Wilding	Provide GRG design schedule	6/19/12
	Janet Wilding & Jenny Nixon	Preview APE and revise	
Ongoing	Memorial	Post materials on park web site	
Ongoing	Various	Provide advance comments on PA	

VIII. Next Meeting Date: June 26 @ 9 Central