

Upper Delaware Council
PROJECT REVIEW COMM. MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2008

Committee Members Present: Roeder, Richardson, Bowers, Fluhr
Committee Members Absent: Shafer
Partner: Martinez
Staff: Douglass, Coney, Ramie
Guests: None

Committee Chairperson Harold Roeder Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m. A motion by Bowers seconded by Fluhr to approve the June 24 meeting minutes was carried. There was no public comment on the agenda.

Discussion Items Report The committee reviewed the Discussion Items Report; some highlights:

New York Regional Interconnect-proposed power line watershed: As of July 17, NYRI has not submitted a “complete” Article VII application to the NYS Public Service Commission. The NYS PSC has requested additional information as well.

PennDOT’s former Shohola Stock Pile #6 Hazardous Materials Cleanup: The results of the U.S. EPA soil testing in the Stock Pile #6 cleanup site does show some contamination. UDC is waiting for further information.

Sullivan County Proposed Casinos Update: NYS Governor Paterson has signed legislation that will provide a number of incentives to Louis Cappelli’s company for partnering with Empire Resorts and building a new hotel, convention center, racino and harness racetrack at the old Concord Hotel site in Kiamesha Lake.

Upper DeLAWARE River Roundtable Update: The next meeting of the Upper DeLAWARE River Roundtable will be Aug. 7 at the Tusten Town Hall in Narrowsburg, NY from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The topic will be natural gas development in the region.

Old Business

TAG Procedure Review: Committee consensus was to continue to work on procedural changes regarding the Technical Assistance Grants Program as an ongoing project. This task was included in the draft FY09 work plan.

TAG FY 2008 Application Interviews, reminder: The committee was reminded that the interviews/review of the TAG applications for 2008 would take place at a special committee meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

New Business

FY 2009 draft committee Work Plan: The committee was provided with the fiscal year 2009 draft committee work plan for review prior to the meeting. The committee reviewed the plan and made some changes. Following discussion, a motion by Bowers seconded by Richardson to recommend full Council approval of the amended draft was carried.

NPS Report: Superintendent Martinez updated the committee on the status of the proposed Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Southern Terminus Mongaup Visitor Center in the Town of Lumberland. NPS faxed two concept plans to the Town July 22. They are waiting to hear from the Town. The committee had some questions about this project which Martinez answered.

The exhibit plan for the Zane Grey Museum was passed around for committee review. This project should lend itself to a more satisfactory museum visit for residents and visitors alike.

Delaware River Basin Commission Website, PowerPoint Presentation July 16 Natural Gas

Exploration: Roeder called the committee's attention to the DRBC website (www.nj.gov/drbc) on which is posted a PowerPoint presentation that should be of interest, "DRBC Staff Presentation from the July 16 Conference Session: Regulatory Implications of Natural Gas Exploration/Production in the Marcellus Shale Formation".

Public Comment None

Adjourn A motion by Bowers seconded by Fluhr to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. was carried.

Carol Coney, Office Manager