

SLRC Meeting 8/20/24 Minutes

Present: Donna Leone, Jennifer West, Lauren Bruce, Sue Stafford, Chloe Joule, Shey Conover, Nancy Alexander, Liv Lenfestey

On Zoom: Fred Porter, Shri Verrill, Peter Rothschild

Members of the Public: Five members of the public

1. Welcome
2. Discussion of draft minutes from 7/23
 - a. Liv's last day is August 30th, not August 1st.
 - b. Shri clarified that the remaining ShoreUp funds will be used for a consultant to assist with grant writing and fundraising. The Island Institute has approved this use of the funds, and Shri will write a proposal for this work.
 - c. Minutes approved with these amendments.
3. Nancy provided an update on the tide trackers and data collection:
 - a. The tracker on the east side was moved during the storm. Lauren Ross will contact Fiona, the pier owner on the east side, to discuss adding a GPS to the tracker.
 - b. Data collection revealed interesting findings about the interaction between surge and high tide, leading to further insights.
4. Narrows Project Updates:
 - a. From Shri:
 - i. The SLRC received a \$75K MIAF grant to start the permitting process and continue developing engineering plans. Contracting and project alignment will take at least 2 months.
 - ii. Peter R. asked about the grant's scope and specific steps. Shri noted that details are still being drafted.
 - iii. Sue inquired about the timeline to reach 60% design. Shri estimated it could be within a year with full momentum, depending on engineering and permitting. The committee wants a clearer timeline from current status to construction.
 - iv. Once phase 1 reaches 75% design, the committee may be eligible for up to \$2M for construction from MEMA.
 - v. Shri recommended applying for a Community Action Grant in the Fall. This will involve working with a consultant on the hazard mitigation plan to ensure alignment with our work.
 - vi. Sue asked how permitting fits with the 60% design. Permitting starts now, and complications might arise due to some site areas being zoned as Dunes. A geologist from MGS may need to evaluate the site.
 - b. Communications Update from Liv:
 - i. There is a new article in IIN.
 - ii. Liv shared the draft video with the committee and gave feedback.

Action Items:

- iii. Liv will compile the feedback given and send this version of the video to the committee for further review. She will use this guidance to create a timeline for what is possible within the final days of her Fellowship
- iv. Liv will also draft thoughts on future communications for the committee and hand off the information to the Comms Sub Committee on Thursday 8/22.

5. Other Business:

- a. Liv's going-away party is Tuesday, the 27th, at 5 pm at the ICC.
 - b. A motion was approved to schedule meetings regularly on the second Thursday of each month. **The next meeting is September 12, 2024, at 5:30 pm.**
6. Motion to adjourn