

Agenda

Fox River Dam Task Force

Thursday, June 6, 2024

6:00 PM, Council Chambers

2 E. Main Street

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve May 2, 2024 Fox River Dam Joint Task Force Minutes
4. Dam Ownership
5. River Task Force Website FAQ Section
6. Sub-Committees Reports
 - a. Environmental – Bob T & Conrad N
 - b. Economic Impact – Bryan W & Ryan B
 - c. Army Corp Report – Paul L & John R
 - d. Recreation – Mike K & Brian P
7. Carpentersville Dam Removal Project
8. Public Comment
9. Next Meeting Thursday, July 11, 2024
10. Adjourn

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MINUTES
FOX RIVER DAM JOINT TASK FORCE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024
6:00PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2 E. MAIN STREET

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Conrad Newell,
Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Ald. Bryan Wirball

Absent: Bob Thomson

Ald. Lencioni joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

3. Approve March 28 Fox River Dam Joint Task Force minutes

Minutes from March meeting:

Motion by Ald. Bryan Wirball, second by Ald. Ryan Bongard, to approve the March minutes.

Voice vote: Ayes –Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Ald. Paul Lencioni, Conrad Newell, Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Bryan Wirball;

Nays – None

Absent – Thomson

4. River Task Force Website

Summary of Discussion: Holly Cabel the Director of Parks & Recreation for the St. Charles Park District, presented an overview of the status of the website development for the River Dam Task Force. Questions were asked about when the website would go live. Director Cabel stated that a draft of the website should be to them by May 10.

5. Presentation on the History of the Dam

Summary of Discussion: Chris Adesso the Assistant Director of the Public Works Department for the City of St. Charles presented on the history of the Dam. A focus of questions was centered around ownership of the Dam. Jim Cooke asked if the City's attorney could answer or respond to ownership questions at a future meeting. Additionally, it was requested if this presentation could be sent out to task force members.

6. Sub-committees appointed by Chair

- A. Environmental – Bob T & Conrad N
- B. Recreational – Mike K & Brian P
- C. Economic Impact – Bryan W & Ryan B
- D. Army Corp Report – Paul L & John R

Summary of Discussion: Jim Cooke, Chair, presented on the appointments of the sub-committees. Questions were focused around process for submitting information, where safety fell as far as category and timelines for submitting information. Each sub committee will be on future agendas. There was a question about responding to public questions within focused areas and it was stated that those should be answered but focus on overall goals of respective areas.

7. Public Comment

Summary of Discussion: Community members both residents and non-residents asked questions and made comments associated with the Dam. Those who made comments were encouraged to also send the Task Force any additional information for the committee to review.

8. Next Meeting Thursday, June 6, 2024

9. Adjourn

Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Ryan Bongard, second by Ald. Paul Lencioni, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Voice vote: Ayes –Ald. Ryan Bongard, Jim Cooke, Mike Kies, Ald. Paul Lencioni, Conrad Newell, Brian Pohrte, John Rabchuk, Bryan Wirball;
Nays – None; Absent – Thomson

Ald. Bongard & Ald. Wirball
St. Charles Dam Task Force
May 2024

Economic Impact Consideration/Questions

General Use

- what is economic impact of the remaining viable usage (i.e. fishing, kayaks)
- what is the average property value for river adjacent properties
- what is the estimated value contributed to properties thanks to the river
- is there a white paper or comparable economic study we can reference

Existing Dam

- what is the current maintenance cost for the dam annually
- do we anticipate significant increases to cost if the city inherits ownership
- if dam remains, will structure improvements be required and at what cost
- what is the projected life cycle (remaining years)

Park District

- can the paddle boats continue without the dam
- how much revenue is generated from the paddle boats annually
- how many activities, programs, etc utilize the river
- how many people utilize the golf course annually, will loss of dam impact course
- will the park district consider taking ownership of the dam

Private Interest

- how many people visit, leverage the river in some capacity each year
- how many businesses directly leverage the river for daily operations
- downtown corridor financial value variance over last 25 years
- are their future business planning to launch in the next 12-24 months using the river

City Hall

- can the city afford financially to take ownership of the dam
- does the business alliance have an opinion on the river role & economic impact
- will the city need to hire new personnel to oversee the dam
- can economic director provide a tax revenue forecast without the dam

Category	Sub-Category	Min. Water Depth to be happy (feet)	Willing to scrape rocks/walk?	Max. Current (mph)	Min. current (mph)	Turning Circle (feet)	Typical Trip length (miles)	Put in type	Other details	Source
Wading/Swimming	Tubing	4	Yes	0	2	0	0 to 5	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Swimming recreationally	4	Yes	1	0	0	0	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Competitive Swimming	6	No	1	0	0	1 to 3	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Wading	0	Yes	3	0	0	0 to 1	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Dogs	0	Yes	1	0	0	0	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Rambling (rock hounding/shell searching)	0	Yes	3	0	0	0 to 1	Primitive		
Wading/Swimming	Scuba	10	No	1	0	0	0 to 1	Primitive	Water clarity is important	