

Robbins Island LOST Minutes - July 14, 2020

Committee Members Present: James Miller, Paul Cool, Rob Baumgarn, Joy Baker, Mary LaRue, Curt Hein and Rachel Skretvedt.

Committee Members Absent: Steve Kneprath, Jason Grabinger, Council Member Alvarado.

Our Committee met at Robbins Island to get an update on the bids for the parking lots, road and new waterline. Construction is set to begin August 2020. Great news that the bids came in under budget and the lowest bid was \$1,179,553.45. We expected the bids to be closer to \$2 million. This leaves about \$1.5 to \$1.8 million left to finish the shelters.

We got to see the stakes up to where the new road will be placed. We also discussed Guri shelter. It would cost about \$20,000 to demolish it and if it would go up for auction, it would be unknown how much it would sell for. With having extra funds available, Curt looked into remodeling Guri Shelter to match the outside of the new 4 season shelter; but keep regular shingles instead of a metal roof. It was suggested to open the inside up and make it a nice sized room with new windows and have the main door face the playground with a new cement slab. This would be a wonderful handicap accessible facility right by the playground. Rough estimates might be around \$80,000-\$90,000 for materials. Committee members were excited for this additional facility at the Island, especially for smaller, intimate gatherings for birthday parties, etc. Committee members agree this facility would be better to update versus Leaf or Green Shelter given its location to playground, access to road and parking lot. It all ties in with our design. We also discussed maybe to add some additional features to open shelter #1 (by the beach) that would have space for either future canoe/kayak rentals for storage or food shack, etc. We also agreed with having Hilltop area as the other shelter to update along the new road. The members present all agreed on these locations for the shelters with their easy access to the new road and new parking lots with electrical already at those locations. The other locations at Robbins Island are not as accessible, especially handicap accessible, since the loop will turn into a walking/biking path.

Our committee needs to prioritize the shelters and run it through the process of committees; Executive Invest in Willmar, Parks & Rec Board, Public Works and then to Council.

Rob stated we have to start a new project. This would be better for us because we can send out the RFP's ourselves and Curt can oversee the projects. Rob and Curt will get started with getting pricing of our ideas and bring it back to our committee. We want to have all our information/proposals ready to go when the City sees fit for us to move forward and complete our project. This might not be until during the winter months in hopes we could possibly send out RFPs in 2021.