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Minnehaha Conservation District
August 12, 2021 Special Board Meeting – Gevik Discussion
Via Zoom

Board Meeting at 11:00AM

John Parker called the meeting to order at 11:00AM.

Supervisors Present: Travis Entenman, Gordon Heber, Susan Kruse, and Jennifer Schmidtbauer

Supervisors Absent: Jim Pfeifer

Advisors present: None

Others present: John Parker, Alina Krone-Hedman, Mary Lou Lacey, Brian Top and Casey Wenzlaff.

Discussion of previous layout: Overview of what was done previously/ look at drawings shown prior.

Review of changes made since last meeting to overall layout:

Adjustment to native grass area, shade/canopy additions, and adjustments to parking area.

Look at parking area: Discussion of changes to assist with water causing problems in front area/ education section near parking area during wet years, and discussion of trail near parking area. Possible bio-area/ rain garden where current vegetation area is located is being looked at, as well as adjusting location in front.

Closer look/ review of artist renderings of possible other areas: More seating, possible memorial, possible donor area, education signs, possible storage/ education building/ area, and planting areas. Necessary look of possible storage area/education areas were discussed (evaluate location, size, and purpose), with concerns raised in evaluating size of each. Other discussion was made regarding upkeep of observation areas (when will improvement be needed and what), and looking at adding more waste disposal cans (MCD employees to monitor). Discussion on memorial and donor areas was had, with various ideas regarding looks (art piece, etc.) with more discussion needed on implementation of memorial.

Breakdown of possible financial needs: Multiple price breakdowns of suggested areas were presented, with various combinations of items (trash receptacles, grasses, benches, signs, tables, possible structure elements, and parking area) to be reviewed. Possible financial need between \$350,000-\$800,000 depending on final plans for Gevik site.

Meeting concluded at 12:05PM.

Next meeting to TBD via email for later in August w/ condensed

group for creating timeline/recommendations. (Meeting was held August 19 at 11:30AM).