

RIVER ECOLOGY & GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WORKING GROUP

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019

8:30 – 10 A.M.

10TH FLOOR, ROOM 1003-A

CHICAGO CITY HALL

121 N. LA SALLE STREET

AGENDA

1. Proposed mission and role
 - a. The mission of the Community Connections Work Group is to:
 - i. Define active communities along the river,
 - ii. Identify opportunities for future engagement, and
 - iii. Seek ways to connect communities along the river to the work of the River Governance & Ecology Task Force
 - b. With respect to other work groups, the role of the Community Connections Work Group is to engage communities in planning, vetting, and eventually implementing the projects and policies of other River Governance & Ecology Task Force Work Groups
2. Community efforts – sharing successes and lessons
 - a. South Branch Framework Plan (Shannon Madden)
 - b. MWRD Efforts (Commissioner Morita) [tentative]
 - c. Questions for each project to answer:
 - i. How do you define the “community” relevant for your initiative?
 - ii. What have been your most successful community engagement strategies or tactics?
 - iii. Reflecting back, have you missed any audiences/groups/individuals that you would have liked to engage? If so, what would you do differently in the future?
3. Resources for this working group
 - a. Brainstorm list of known resources / lists of active communities & projects
 - b. Discuss: How can we best leverage / integrate these resources?
(Mayoral fellow available)
4. Brainstorm ideas for inclusion
5. Next steps
 - a. Recruitment
 - b. Roles and responsibilities
 - c. Work plan