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# Celilo Village Redevelopment Newsletter

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*A newsletter keeping you informed about upcoming meetings and providing updates as the Corps continues Celilo Village redevelopment.*

## Design Meeting

**Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m.**

**Celilo Village Longhouse, Elders Dining Hall**

This meeting is an opportunity to give comments to the Corps and site designers about the site plan. Comments will be forwarded on to the Wyam Board. Dwight Gray, Cooper Zeitz project manager, says changes can be made easily *now* before the construction plans are drawn.

The meeting also will be an opportunity to give comments to the architects on housing floor plans and styles. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you can give your comments to Wyam Board members.



Wyam Board member Bobby Begay, Cooper Zietz project manager Dwight Gray, Architect Chuck Archer, and USACE design lead Gail Lovell are asking for comments on the Celilo Village site designs and housing styles and floor plans.

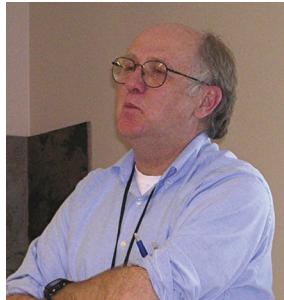
## Design

- The Corps has completed utility line location work and the geo-technical exploration. They are currently in the process of lead and asbestos testing on the houses.
- Dwight Gray is working with the Burlington Northern Railroad trying to get the sensor that operates the railroad bridge over the Columbia River moved to a location east of the Celilo Village. That would mean trains waiting for the bridge to lower would not block the access road into the Village. He is also working to develop an at-grade signal crossing.
- Concentric Architecture has been hired to design the new houses. At the February 23rd Wyam Board meeting, Concentric president, Chuck Archer presented preliminary floor plan designs for the houses. He said all the homes will have wood stoves, zonal electric heat, carports and will incorporate handicap accessible features where required.

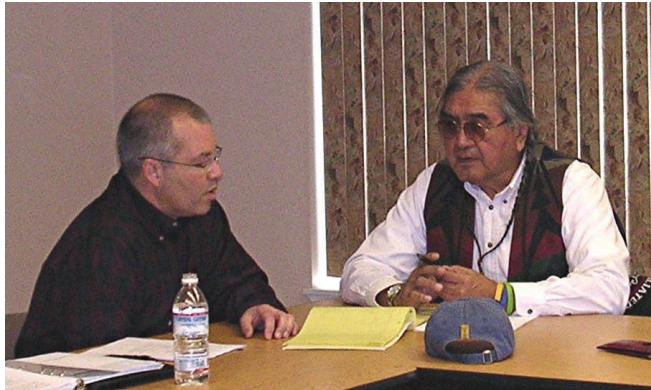
## Cultural Resource Plan

The Corps is working with the Tribal Historic Preservation offices, the Tribal governments, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on protection of cultural resources. A Memorandum of Agreement for formal approval will be going to these parties this month.

The Corps is elevating the process so all can see what is proposed and is looking for review and comments.



USACE Archeologist  
Michael Martin



USACE project manager George Miller and Wyam Board Chair Antone Minthorn at the Feb. 23 meeting

## Next Wyam Board meeting:

**Thursday, Mar. 23, 2006, 10 a.m.**

**Celilo Village Longhouse, Elders Dining Hall**

At this meeting, the Corps will give a brief presentation on project status. Then the Wyam Board will meet separately to review the Board's charter and working protocols.

## Wyam Board Members

**Celilo Village:** Delilah Heemsah & Bobby Begay  
**CTUIR:** Antone Minthorn & Leo Stuart  
**CTWS:** Ron Suppah & Reuben Henry  
**YIN:** Leo Aleck

## Housing Occupancy Permits

Paul Young, BIA, reported at the Feb. 23 Wyam Board meeting that while the Bureau hasn't made a final decision, they think it will be a home-site lease permit and most likely there will not be rent involved.



Paul Young

## Project Budget

The fiscal year 2006 Congressional appropriation for the Columbia River Treaty Access Fishing Sites is \$4 million, a portion of which will be for Celilo Village Redevelopment. President Bush's fiscal year 2007 budget includes funding for this as well.

## Village Operations and Maintenance

The Corps will contribute a one-time lump sum payment for operations and maintenance of the new facilities. The funds will be transferred to the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. For more detailed information see the Post Authorization Change Report of May 2003.

## Upcoming Events:

The Wyam Board invites Celilo Village residents to attend meetings, participate in the process and provide their comments.

### Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m.

Technical Design Meeting. Celilo Village Longhouse, Elders Dining Hall

### April 7 - 9

First Salmon Ceremony, Celilo Village

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