



NJVid Web Workgroup Meeting Minutes  
6/4/08 – 2PM

Present: Joe Russo, Sujay Daniel, Robert Harris, Sandie Miller, Tom Nemeth, Sheri Prupis

**Mockup of new web page:**

Robert presented a preliminary mockup of a new NJVid web page design. It is elongated left-to-right with a 16x9 aspect ratio. Robert eliminated the white space formerly on the right-hand side of the page. The downside is that users with older monitors will have to scroll across their web browser to view the whole page.

Joe likes the new look; Sandie likes it too aside from the blocks of white surrounding the logos at the bottom of the page. Discussion ensued over whether to replace the white blocks with the turquoise-colored background. Robert warned that doing so could potentially wash out the small-font text within some of the logos. A tentative decision was reached to use the turquoise of the background, but to make the logos transparent. The only logo that would be problematic would be NJEdge.Net because of the blue in its logo. However, a thin edge of white around the blue in the logo would resolve that, but Sujay said he'd look into it.

The "Documents" web page is beginning to get cluttered, so Robert will add a "More..." link that leads to a second page of documents rather than attempting to fit all the documents onto one Documents page. The second page will contain the older documents.

**Who should be authorized to post to the NJVid Wiki site?**

Sheri proposed restricting Wiki registrants to individuals directly involved with NJVid's development. Sandie prefers that a moderator occasionally scour the Wiki and remove inappropriate postings. Sheri informed the group that in order to do that, the Wiki needs a policy statement at the bottom of the Wiki home page stating that inappropriate posts (e.g. commercial advertisements) will be removed. The group will work collectively to devise a policy statement.

The Wiki post made by Mike Bianchi, owner of Foveal Systems, was judged to be commercial advertising and worth removing.

**What content should go in the Announcements page linked from the Home page, and how often**

### **should the page be updated?**

Sandie thought updating the Announcements page once per month is sufficient. There should not be a restriction placed on the type of content that can be posted as it could be anything such as upcoming events, milestones reached, new additions to the collections, etc. Sujay explained that, upon implementation of the code he sent to Robert, a post made to the blog can be programmed to automatically post to the Announcements page. Sandie was concerned that some blog posts (e.g. those about Shibboleth problems) do not belong in the Announcements page. Sujay agreed and will investigate enabling two types of blog posts: one that functions as an announcement that will automatically post to the Announcements web page, and one that is simply a purely distinct blog post.

### **Where should videos of last March's Alpha Implementers meeting be placed on the Web site, and how should they be presented?**

It was noted that, by and large, the Home page (<http://www.njvid.net>) is still loading slowly. Sujay surmised that the slowdown is due to a Flash player setting, since we currently have a Flash video embedded in the Home page. Robert will look into the Flash player settings and see if he can revise it.

Sujay brought up the idea of having static thumbnail images link to new player windows rather than the current configuration of embedding videos within web pages. This might alleviate web page load times. Sandie did not like this idea and said she prefers the current configuration. Joe Russo agreed with her. We're looking for a YouTube type of interface where the video is immediately accessible and more inviting than small thumbnails that may not convey what the video is.

The group decided it would be prudent to move the Ralph Golzio interview video currently on the Home page to the Commons page, and to replace it with a 5-10 minute segment of the Alpha Implementers meeting video once Tom receives it in Flash format from Isaiah. It would also be good to rotate the videos featured on the site on a regular basis. Robert urged that we attempt to rotate relatively short videos (5 to 10 minutes each) to ease their effect on load times of web pages in which they are embedded. Everyone agreed that would be best.

### **Scheduling the next meeting:**

The group agreed to reconvene sometime around the end of July. Tom will set up the meeting early-to-mid July. Joe said the group can email each other to discuss latest updates to Robert's mockup(s) and to broach new web site related questions that arise in other NJVid workgroups.

Meeting adjourned.