



Grand Vision Growth & Investment Areas

Regional Network Meeting

Monday, February 11th, 2013: 10a.m. – 12p.m.
1209 S. Garfield Ave.– Michigan Works!

Mission Statement: Facilitate the growth and entrepreneurial culture of unique cities and villages that strengthen our region by encouraging business development, removing barriers, utilizing incentives, and fostering public and private improvements.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions

Leonard Marszalek – Village of Empire

Lisa Leedy – Village of Fife Lake

Bob Carstens – Acme Twp.

Connor Miller – Northsky

Jim Lively – MLUI

Marsha Smith – Rotary Charities

Jason Jones – GTC Parks & Rec

Misty Youngson – Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Mike Woods - NWMCOG

Mark Randolph – Kalkaska County Parks & Rec

Tom Emling – MSUE

John Sych – GTC Planning & Development

Bryce Dreeszen – TBEDC

Adam Umbrasas – Village of Kingsley

Wally Delamater – Village of Suttons Bay

Janie McNabb – NWMCOG

Sarah Lucas - NWMCOG

II. G&I Network goals

- A. Janie McNabb and Sarah Lucas facilitated a conversation to help determine the Growth & Investment Network's goals for the HUD project, and specifically for the public input that will inform the regional plan.
- B. Discussion
 - Have people give input on why areas are identified as G&I communities and why some are not.
 - Highlight similar themes in individual community master plans throughout the region.
 - Need input from the private investment community

III. Grand Vision CORE Strategic Plan

- A. Marsh Smith presented an overview of the GV CORE's Strategic Plan which focuses on supporting the GV Network's collective action to achieve common goals. She discussed shared measurements and gathered feedback on the types of support that are important to achieve the vision of "Unique and Vibrant community that strengthen the local economy.
- B. Discussion
 - How much money does the GV leverage? This will help in the value of what the GV does.
 - Communication is key and continually reach out to educate the public on how the GV presents opportunities for communities.
 - How can we highlight some of the collaboration of projects to educate the public and officials?

IV. Community Updates

A. City of Cadillac – Not Present

B. Village of Ellsworth – Not Present



- C. Village of Empire – negotiating with consultants with someone engaged in March. The transportation plan is scheduled to start in May and be completed by August
- D. City of Frankfort – Not Present
- E. Grand Traverse County - Working on a 5 year master plan (grantravers.org/parks). Should be complete by the end of February. Also creating a Hub website to promote all recreation activities within the county. Working on data input on the “experience outdoor app” for GTC. Should be up and running by late spring. Intended to be a regional app. TC is hosting a national recreation forum.
- F. Kalkaska County – The 5 year Parks & Rec master plan is complete and the draft document will be presented to county commissioners in March.
- G. Village of Kalkaska – Not Present
- H. Village of Kingsley – Landscape Architects are in the design process of the art park. The park should be complete in time for the Adams fly festival on June 1st. Village is also undertaking a water project; housing occupancy has increased; and is seeking funding mechanisms for a non-motorized trail connecting to Mayfield.

V. Public Comments/Sharing

- Suttons Bay received a permit for dredging; acquired a \$1 million grant for wastewater upgrade.
- Kalkaska County is looking to connect trails to the VASA system.
- There was a discussion about the advantages of consolidating public services.

VI. Adjourn

This meeting is open to all who wish to attend. If you are planning to attend and have a disability requiring any special assistance at the meeting, please notify the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments – Matt McCauley (231-929-5061/E-mail at mccauley@nwm.cog.mi.us)