

Next Generation “Strengthening Our Niche” Work-Group Meeting Notes of June 7, 2010

Present

Will Andresen, Tom Bergman, Annette Burchell, Melanie Fullman, Morgan Grasso, Charlene Herron-Jordan, Linda Jindrich, Kelly Klein, Brad Kusz, Jim Mildren, Gemma Lamb, Charlie Supercynski, Dick Swanson

Regional Trail System

Will Andresen distributed a checklist for receiving resolutions of support for the regional trail system. The following is an updated status of the communities and organizations along the proposed route (with person/people responsible for obtaining the resolutions if necessary):

Resolutions passed to date:

- City of Ironwood (Annette to obtain copy of resolution)
- Ironwood Township (Annette to obtain copy of resolution)
- City of Bessemer (Melanie to obtain copy of resolution)
- Bessemer Township (Melanie to obtain copy of resolution)
- Gogebic County Board

The following resolutions need to be obtained:

- City of Montreal (Will, Kelly and Tom)
- City of Hurley (Will, Kelly and Tom)
- Town of Kimball (Will, Kelly and Tom)
- Iron County Board (Will, Kelly and Tom)
- City of Wakefield (Dick)
- Wakefield Township (Dick)
- Erwin Township (Annette)
- Hurley School District (Will, Kelly and Tom)
- Ironwood School District (Annette)
- Bessemer School District (Melanie)
- Wakefield School District (Dick)
- North Country Trail Association (Dick)
- Bessemer DDA (Melanie)
- Hurley Chamber of Commerce (Kelly)
- Ironwood Chamber of Commerce (Morgan and Linda)
- Bessemer Chamber of Commerce (Melanie)
- Wakefield Chamber of Commerce (Dick)
- Iron County Resource Development Authority (Kelly)
- Gogebic Community College (Annette)
- Gogebic County EDC (Will to ask Serena)

- Gogebic Range Trail Authority (Melanie)
- UP Travel and Recreation Authority (Dick)

Resolutions should be returned to Will Andresen so that all resolutions will be in one place when needed.

Jim Mildren gave an update on the very successful “Go Ride ‘R’ Range Ride”, which had over 100 participants and provided an opportunity to promote the regional trail system and silent sports in the community. The event profited \$253 which will be set aside by the Kiwanis Club for non-motorized trail projects.

Melanie volunteered to help John Garske with reviewing title work for the proposed trail route. Melanie will also meet with Gordon Koski from the Gogebic Range Trail Authority to pursue possible trail routes off of Old Highway 2 between Bessemer and Wakefield.

Heritage Tourism

The group was encouraged to attend the “Developing a Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties” workshop to be held in Bergland this coming Thursday (June 10th).

Charlie provided an update on the proposed heritage auto tour. He suggested that we create two separate maps, one for the regional trail system and one for the heritage auto tour route.

Next Meeting Date

Monday, July 12, 12:00 Noon, Board Room of the Iron County Courthouse