



Grand Vision Growth & Investment Areas

Regional Network Meeting

Monday, April 8th, 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

A. Welcome and Introductions

Leonard Marszalek – Village of Empire	Mark Randolph – Kalkaska County
Lisa Leedy – Village of Fife Lake	Blake Smith – USDA Rural Development
Janie McNabb – NWMCOG	John Sych – GTC Planning
Marc McKellar – GTCRC	Kathy Egan – Suttons Bay/Bingham Twp.
Joe Meyers – Antrim County	Kurt H. Schindler – MSU Extension
Jason Jones – GTC Parks & Rec	Mary Jo Barck – TC Area Chamber
Jan Kellogg – NWMCOG/NLEA	Jim Lively – MLUI
Mary H. Faculak – East Jordan Area Chamber	Tom Emling – MSU Extension
Connor Miller - Northsky	Wally Delamater – Village of Suttons Bay
Scott Gest - NWMCOG	Freya Bradford – Northsky
Mike Woods - NWMCOG	Marcia Smith – Rotary Charities

B. Consideration of Agenda

- Agenda items D & C switched order

C. Input Expos - Discussion on upcoming Input Expos in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, and Wexford Counties.

D. CORE Collective Impact and Goal Discussion - On behalf of the Grand Vision CORE Network, Marsha Smith, Rotary Charities, and Freya Bradford, NorthSky Nonprofit Network, will discuss “collective impact” and facilitate discussion around high-impact community goals.

- Collective impact is diverse groups focused on change – to solve a complex social problem.
- Those present at today’s meeting were asked to submit ideas on where and what to improve based on growth & investment strategies.

E. Community Updates

- a. City of Cadillac
 - i. Base information for the Complete Streets Plan have been compiled. The City is currently putting together a stakeholder group and plans to meet on May 16th to identify areas of need.
- b. Village of Ellsworth
 - i. The sign is installed and looking forward to the ribbon cutting. Farmers market has applied for a “market fresh” grant.



- c. Village of Empire
 - i. Expecting a decision on vendor in May and completion of a transportation plan in September
- d. City of Frankfort
 - i. An RFP will be released for the Wi-Fi project. The 100 mb hub is already installed at City Hall and they currently have a 1,200 foot WI-FI range active around City Hall. They will also be installing data cable on the elevated water tank that could also be utilized to strengthen WI-FI efforts.
- e. Grand Traverse County Parks & Recreation Department
 - i. Gtrec.org went live last Friday. Launching a “human” website on April 28th – parks and rec expo. Public will be able to ask questions regarding GTC parks and rec activities. Entered in the “BC/BS community challenge” to get people active and possibly qualify grants. 2013-2018 DNR master plan is completed.
- f. Kalkaska County
 - i. In the 30 day review process for the countywide Parks & Rec plan. Friday – Arbor day will be planting trees along the KART trail
- g. Village of Kalkaska
 - i. No information available
- h. Village of Kingsley
 - i. No information available

F. Roundtable Discussion and Announcements

- Elk Rapids will be hosting the Northern Michigan business expo helped out by michworks.

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 – Mike Woods (231-929-5056/E-mail at michaelwoods@nwm.cog.mi.us)