



Grand Vision Growth and Investment Areas Working Group
Meeting Minutes from January 10th, 2011
10:00am-Noon
T.C. Chamber Building, Steelcase Room

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.

Members Present

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Introductions

Nigel Griswold

Agenda Review

COOLed Business Presentation with Tim Burden

Review of Minutes

No changes

Hybra Energy

- LED fixtures
- Green jobs for Michigan - Hybra energy is looking to possibly hire IT services and other Tech services positions here in Northern Michigan

Place Making Summit

- There will be six breakout sessions on Place Making strategies
- Event will show people how they can connect at the state and local level and how to access resources to grow your economy locally
- Universities will be providing seats open to university students to attend summit

Updates on Localities' projects

- Suttons Bay - On schedule to determining trails through Suttons Bay and improving access to the Bay
- Elk Rapids - Hot spot done and working well, currently working on outside the box ideas to expand access.
- Acme - they want regional input on what to do with M-72E, MDOT wants this regional input, and what to do about possible economic development area.

City of Frankfort presentation, some key points:

- Frankfort is working on a database of businesses to establish connection throughout the region.
- Frankfort is working on a complete streets project for their city
- They are working on Broadband Wi-Fi in Frankfort as well as Benzie County
- They are working on a Car ferry service in Frankfort
- Many other projects being worked on in Frankfort, available in [document](#).

Next Meeting

Monday, April 11th, 2011

10am

Steelcase Room, T.C. Chamber Building, 202 E. Grandview Parkway, Traverse City, MI 49684

