

## **Community Sustainability Meeting Notes**

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**Great Basin College—December 16, 2003**

### **Attendance**

Paul Killpatrick, GBC  
Chris Johnson, City of Elko Council  
Jim Collord, Cortez Mines and NNSG  
Mary Korpi, Newmont Mines  
Bill Upton, Placer Dome  
Nancy Sheffield, ECEDA.  
Frank Gonzales, Sierra Pacific and ECEDA  
Summer Erhmann, GBC Foundation  
Danny Gonzales, GBC  
Dirk van Zyl, UNR Mine Life Cycle Center  
Leta Collord, NNSG., NNSG  
Ann Carpenter, Domestic and International Mineral Development Consultant  
Sherri Eklund-Brown, Elko County Commission.

### **Names**

General discussions – Leta suggested using Mining, Communities, Partnerships as the original poster/flyer invite indicated. Mining & Communities, Partnering into the Future was the title, or something similar. Possibly use this to construct a name. This also supports what Paul K suggested – wanting to indicate, highlight mining's desire to initiate this process ... ie they were a leader, motivator in this process.

Construct a name whereby the acronym will be easy to use and recognize – NNSG, RCAG, CTAC

Some examples:

Gang of 10/ Dirty Dozen  
Northeastern Nevada  
Northern Nevada  
Northern Nevada 20/20, 20/20  
Future Focus 20/20, 2020  
20/20 Focus  
20/20 Sustainability  
Northern Nevada 20/20

There were comments about not liking 20/20 – too time constraining; not liking 'sustainability'

### **Mission Statement:**

Keeping Elko's economy sustained after mining  
NE Nevada – focus on economic development  
GBC, outreach

Careful, respectful of county's jurisdictions  
Impact, vs investment, vs transition  
Mining's goal, outreach, diversification  
"No New Check" policy from mines  
Partnering with Communities

"To develop strategies for the future changes of mining (activity) and its engagement with Northern Nevada communities."

"To develop strategies that that turn future changes in mining into engagement process that develop economic diversification."

**White Board Notes/General Discussions:**

Economic stability after mining  
Geographic representation/advantaged of a regional approach  
Mining timeframe  
Economic development and diversification  
Outreach  
Community transition after mining  
Consideration of county jurisdictions/boundaries  
Examine community ability to make investments  
Business focus and stability after mining  
Long-term investment of \$  
Create endowment to enable communities to match \$ for grants  
Mines are part of conversation  
This group could be more strategic at the policy level/global policy perspective  
Incentives to keep families in local communities after retirement  
Legislative actions  
Mine profile/inventory needed  
Expand group: Key stakeholders/representation of elected officials/resource folks  
What's the infrastructure?  
Funding sources  
Deliverable structure  
Actionable items required

Developing partnerships in communities – leveraging mining investments into longer-term, broader-based economic diversification and opportunities.

**Taxes attributed to mining:**

Tax Structures and Investment  
Property Taxes  
Net Proceeds Taxes  
Sales taxes  
Payroll taxes  
Personal property taxes  
Claim holding fees to federal government

## **“Resource people” to tap into at various meetings**

City officials and leaders

Mayor

Health care professionals

Policy-makers

NGOs,

Non-Profit groups

Core group of 12 needs to expand to get federal agencies involved.

Current State ---moving to--- Future State

Involves a discussion of mission, objectives, and initiatives

Discussion around needing action items; make sure the discussions are ‘actionable’

### **Action Items**

1. Getting/ inviting other rural communities to be involved
  - a. Paul K will take lead, with assistance from Mary K, Nancy S
2. Government agency involvement
  - a. Sherri E and Mary K will team together to address this
  - b. BLM
3. Profile of Mines – Dirk will take the lead, with assistance from Bill U, Mary K
  - a. Newmont, Placer, Barrick, Queenstake, others, Exploration companies?
4. Information Distribution – Danny with GBC will take lead, be point person
  - a. Danny will be the master of the email list, and distribution protocol will be dictated by him!
  - b. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – first sub-Action Item. Need to have the full group brainstorm ...
    - i. Names
    - ii. Mission Statement
5. Webpage – Dirk and Danny will strategize this
6. Charter – need for the group to develop a charter
  - a. Dirk, Ann, Mary, & Bill will work on this together
  - b. Some in the group supported developing this together so that all have ownership, accountability
  - c. Ann and Bill are to provide Dirk with Rawhide and Goldensunlight – respective community group’s individual charters
7. Media outreach
  - a. Summary of this meeting will be provided to Adella
  - b. Paul & Chris will write summaries for distribution to other papers, Ely, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain (contact Mickey Yarborough to ensure collaboration and inclusivity)
8. Examples of Community Groups
  - a. Kennecott Flambeau Project summary - Ann to provide summary or will get Kennecott representative to explain

- b. Golden Sunlight-Whitehall MT – Community Transition Action C...?. Bill Upton with PDUS will provide summary or will invite representative from Whitehall to come tell the story again ....
  - i. The objective is to illustrate these two groups – how they came together; what structure they operate under; what guidelines, charters, mission statements have been designed; how often they meet; who is involved – make-up of the group and how it was ‘constructed’.
  - ii. Ann and Bill work together to develop questions to ask each of the groups to best gather the information that the Elko group needs to help develop the form and function of this group ...
  - iii. Strategize with Bill and Paul how best to convey what was found the possibility or not of having visiting ‘representatives’ at the next meeting to explain each of these two groups – may not have enough time ... may be better to have Bill and Ann just explain their findings – comparing together what they found

What was not put down as an action item was Frank’s recurring discussion about the possibility of a ‘legislative’ fix. How do we address getting the word out on the group’s activities to elected officials. How do we get elected officials involved without seeming to play favorites.

### **Next Meeting**

Group to meet every other month initially. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 10, 2004.

Possible future guest speakers, resource individuals

Wind generation – Artform or function

Elected officials – Tuscarora, Elko, elsewhere

