

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee

Minutes April 14, 2010

Present: Jerry Smith, Rod Davis, Jon Sherve, George Fennemore, Charlene Mitchel, Shar Peterson, Tom Harris, Deb Teske, Jim Collard, Ben Veach and by telephone: Gary McCuen, Tom Arnold and Scott Murrellwright

- March 6 minutes were approved as e-mailed after correcting a typo
- Progress on Solicitation of Contribution Letters: no report
- Progress reports on FIND Project Implementation:
 - Community Needs Assessment Survey: Rod handed out a set frequency tables based on the answers to the survey. He is still in the process of analyzing the data and will keep everyone informed. The set of frequency tables will be included as an attachment to the minutes e-mail.
 - Studies by UNR involving BMHS Educational Project:
 - Photo opportunity with Barrick, Newmont and the high school will be coordinated by Rod Davis and should be done in the near future.
 - 182 business in will be surveyed in Battle Mtn by a team of two high school students who will deliver and explain the survey to business owners. The survey will be mailed back to Tom Harris @ UNR for processing. Some of the topics covered in the high school class include community involvement, statistical involvement, role playing, how to do a presentation, what is Entrepreneurship.
 - FIND Phase III Funding distribution Approval. A budget update was distributed to those attending.
 - FIND Inventory Status & Maps for Phase I, II, and III: Ben reported that all Summit has done is on the website. More will be added as phases are completed. The next phase will include meetings with the local mines to explain the project as ask what each mine is willing to share and how they want to participate in the project. Ben will bring maps to our next meeting and show what has been completed so we can decide where to go next. We will need to consider Eureka County and our/their role in the FIND project. Eureka County Economic Development Committee is enthused about the project and will be presenting it to their county commissioners.
- Update on NNP website (GBC) Team for LCSDC. Ben is meeting with Mardell Wilkins to assist with update of NNP-E website. Charlene e-mails our minutes to Mardell to add to the NNP-E website after every meeting.
- Other business:
 - Jim Collard reported on the planning for the Mining Summit to be held in Elko October 2010. The theme will be An Approach on Modern Mining. LSDSC will have a booth; maybe will be shared with LEDA. George will draft an abstract for a presentation at the Mining Summit, with an emphasis on the partnership with other groups emphasizing we are regional, not a local group.

- The Gold Belt Coalition has been nominated for a national BLM award for the FIND project.
- The Green Energy Grant was ratified by Lander County Commissioners. The grant is for \$98,000 and was given by BLM for the FIND Project.
- Volunteers were requested to update the Lander Co. Commissioners at their April 22 meeting and report on LEDA and LCSDC activities. Jon, Rod and Charlene volunteered to attend and report to the commissioners.
- The next meeting will be held July 14 7:00 a. m. at the BLM.