

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee
January 15, 2008 Minutes
Annual Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held at the Hide-a-Way in Battle Mountain, NV
6:00 pm January 15, 2008.

Present:

Jerry Smith (BLM), Shar Peterson (Newmont), Rod Davis (UNR), Charlie Hager (Newmont), George Fennemore (Barrick/Cortez), Charlene Mitchel (GBC, LEDA), Dana Sue Kimbal (Barrick/Cortez), Jim Collord (NNP), Nancy Pickett (LEDA), Leta Collord (NNSG Elko), Johnny Pappas (Barrick/Cortez), Del Fortner (Western Resources Group), Jon Sherve (BLM/LEDA), Reg Reid (BLM State Office), Sharlet Berentsen (Humboldt-Pershing SD Partnership).

Announcements: This is the 3rd Annual Dinner Meeting

Discussion Topic #1 Green Energy Projects within the Battle Mountain District: Jerry Smith

- There is an ongoing draft EIS on Interagency West-wide Energy Corridor which runs through Nevada and the Battle Mtn. BLM District. There is a Public Hearing in Elko Feb 5 at the BLM.
- There is public interest in renewable energy with Nevada being the #1 state producing Green Energy.
- There is major interest in solar energy projects in southern Nevada.
- Battle Mountain BLM District is moving into #1 place in geothermal energy exploration. Wind monitoring sites for wind generation are also being proposed throughout the Battle Mountain District.
- Tonopah has 3 solar applications pending; located near Beatty and Tonopah.
- BLM has two new positions specific to renewal energy within the district.

Discussion Topic #2 Report on the Leadville Sustainable Development Summit: Shar Peterson

- The emphasis at the summit was Communities talking with Communities. We must turn challenges into opportunities.
- 75 – 80 people attended including Shar Peterson, Battle Mtn, Sherri Eklund-Brown , and Mary Korpi from Elko
- The next summit is Sept. 7 – 11, 2008 in Butte, Mt. Shar suggested we encourage our community leaders attend as well as any SD or Economic Development members. She said it was well worth the time and money.

Discussion Topic #3 Gold Belt Coalition Website update, Charlene Mitchel

- The web site is up with a limited amount of information. Web Master, Karrie Shoppe-Hine is requesting any information form all the groups to be included on the web site.
- It was suggested the BLM put their land use plans on the site.
- Information on what mines do for our communities should be included – such as how much the counties receive from net proceeds of the mine tax.
- Charlene Mitchel is the “collector” of information for LCSDC and will pass along anything she receives to Karrie.

Discussion Topic #4 Market Strategy Funding Proposals Jerry Smith, George Fennemore
George Fennemore’s report

- It is important to market mines prior to closure.
- George has met with LEDA and explained the matrix he has developed to be used to inventory assets and infrastructure that could be marketed to attract a new business once the mine closed. This could not be done with out mine approval.
- George is working on a scope of work to present to LEDA. The tasks can be divided up between the groups or individuals to maximize efficiency. George has met with Reg Reid, BLM and UNR so their resources can be used.
- We (Lander Co. Northeast NV) need to know who we are. We can then pair up with potential end partners, devise a marketing strategy and communicate to potential industries. The next step would be to sit down with LEDA and see how each group fits with the plan. After a plan has been formulated we can bring in NNP-E, H-P SD and other interested parties.

Jon Sherve, Chair of LEDA, report

- LEDA is a Lander County governing board and advisory board to Lander County Commissioners. LCSDC is a community group. There is a good working relationship between LEDA and LCSDC which is important in our plan to keep our communities sustainable during a mine closure.

Reg Reid gave a report on BLM support of sustainable development in Nevada. Information was presented through a handout on BLM’s role in SD, Federal laws on Lands Realty and Reclamation. There is financial support for SD in Nevada and endless opportunities.

Jerry Smith’s report

Listed are the draft next steps for consideration to implement the market strategy budget proposal. Please review these draft next steps for discussion at the February 28 LCSDC meeting.

1. Initiate contact with potential partners to the strategy. If available get on their agenda to give presentations.

2. Develop agreement and/or consensus with interested partners to contribute and jointly implement the proposal.
3. Initiate coordination meetings or conferences with other sustainable development committees (Gold Belt Coalition) chairpersons/vice chairpersons. These are necessary to facilitate cooperation and agreement between the committees.
4. Form a subgroup of the three coalition partnership committees to develop an implementation plan for the marketing strategy budget proposal.
 - Solicitation and management of any funding obtained
 - Contract preparation and administration by the coalition
 - Identify, monitor and tract contract deliverables
 - Develop contract phases to be accomplished
 - Coalition website application and use by communities.

In addition, George Fennemore made a commitment to get on the LEDA February 6, 2008 agenda and the HPSD committee agenda February 14, 2008 to make presentations on the market strategy budget proposal. This will initiate the first next step.

Discussion topic #5 Elections of officers

The following were elected to the respected offices for the 2008 year:

- Chairman – Jerry Smith with the understanding he would step down if there was a conflict of interest with his BLM position
- Vice – Chairman - Rod Davis
- Secretary – Charlene Mitchel

Other business

Sharlet invited everyone to attend the Humboldt – Pershing SD Partnership meeting February 14, 8:30 a.m. at the convention center in Winnemucca.

The next two LCSDC meetings are: February 28, 2008 for a 7 am breakfast at the Owl restaurant and April 10, 2008 with the location and time to be announced at the February meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Charlene Mitchel, Secretary