



Becker County Recreational Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Location: County Board Room

Date & Time: Thursday, January 20, 2011; 10:00 a.m.

Becker County Vision Statement: Becker County is rich in natural resources which promotes agriculture, tourism, and economic development, while retaining its natural beauty, fostered by its citizen's and government body. The cost of government services will be reasonable while supporting needed social services, infrastructure, and the criminal justice system. This will enable the protection and preservation of Becker County for future generations.

Committee Members:

Nancy Grabanski, Human Resource/Maintenance Director/Acting County Administrator

Steve Skoog, County Assessor/Environmental Director

Ryan Tangen, County Auditor-Treasurer

Brad Wentz, County Highway Engineer

Patty Swenson, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Guy Fischer, Economic Development Authority Coordinator

Committee Members Absent: Steve Skoog, Ryan Tangen, Brad Wentz

Commissioners Present:

Public Present: Willis Mattison

1. Comments on Meeting Minutes – Commissioners Feedback

- a) The minutes were approved by consensus for January 6, 2011.

2. Presentation to the Board: "How does the Plan Work"

- a) Nancy Grabanski reviewed the presentation that was given to the Board of Commissioners at the January 11th meeting.
 - i) She felt the meeting went well
 - ii) The Commissioners were comfortable where the steering committee is at with the plan.
 - iii) The White Earth Tribe still wants to meet with the County.
 - iv) There still needs to be some fine-tuning done to the plan.
 - v) Guy Fischer will go to the Park Board and ask them if there is something that needs to be included in the plan that isn't already there.

3. Edit of the Plan:

- a) All members of the Recreational Plan Steering Committee should look at the plan for any items that need to be edited. Kathy volunteered to check the plan for any spelling, grammar and other mistakes.

4. GIS Toolkit Update:

- a) Shelley from the DNR out of Bemidji did a preliminary review of the Tool Kit and has comments relative to the plan.
- b) The Toolkit contains pretty basic elements.
- c) Once we hear from Shelley whether the DNR will do additional work concerning the Toolkit, the County needs to go to the next step.

- i) If the DNR doesn't want to work with us, then we need to refine the work PRO West needs to do or determine if we have the capabilities in house to work the scripts.
 - ii) Tony from IT needs to be part of this plan and determine the resources we already have in the IT department and to what extent we can do ourselves.
 - iii) Patty from Zoning has data that needs to be funneled into the plan.
 - iv) We need to determine what additional information we need or have to incorporate into this plan.
 - v) We need to know the capacity of our system and how quickly can we have a turn around.
- d) Will DNR take it to the next step on the bicycle trail through Smokey Hills?

5. **White Earth Review of Plan/ Meeting Update:**

- a) Nancy will send a letter as a follow up after meeting with Commissioner Schram and Commissioner Okeson and will send them the latest version of the Plan.
- b) Erma Vizenor will contact Nancy to set up a meeting after the first of the year. The White Earth Tribal Council was sent the latest draft of the Plan. This will be a public meeting.

6. **Audience Comments:**

- a) Willis Mattison from Round Lake Township discussed the LAC (Limited Acceptable Condition) plan.
 - i) Mr. Mattison is presently using the LAC program in the Round Lake Township and has completed almost all of the steps 1-9 to complete the comprehensive review. He would like the committee to look at the technical level of this program.
 - ii) Program takes in criteria using a comprehensive review and any use of an area will alter its condition.
 - iii) It is designed to be a logical science based product but workable with a citizen group.
 - iv) Uses the same approach as GIS where layers are added.
 - v) This system is designed to do manually.
- b) Wanted to know if the present park board will retain the same members it has on there now.
- c) Mr. Mattison would like us to keep him in the loop of developments once we hear from Shelley from the DNR

The next meeting will be held the third Thursday, February 24, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned.