

Northern Nevada Partnership-Elko March 12, 2007 Meeting Notes

In attendance: Offsite Jerry Smith- Lander County, Heather Estes –Humboldt County

In Elko: Sheri Eklund-Brown, Joe Aguirre, Mary Korpi, Leta Collard, Jim Collard, Jay Paxton, Karrie Schopine , Paul Killpatrick, Elaine Barkdull-Spencer.

Paul introduced Karrie Schopine who is being considered to be the web master to develop the website for NNP-Elko.

Mary Korpi –spoke about the Visions of Sustainable Communities meeting that occurred two weeks ago at GBC. Please find minutes of that meeting attached. This discussion, along with updates from the Mining Sustainability meeting that occurred in Winnemucca last week, raised the question if NNP-E would be best served by revisiting our charter for the NNP-E that was developed in May 25, 2004. This led to a discussion of the next steps for the NNP-E.

Humboldt Mining Sustainability Group

The Humboldt group also included folks from Pershing. About 40 people were in attendance. Start focusing on a more constructive model; get more community involvement in building outward. Leta (and others) suggested Pat Gray who owns a business in Winnemucca and helped facilitate the group in Winnemucca would be a good resource to bring to Elko. Gray uses the GE Business model.

Questions generated from the NNP-E group:

1. What are we (NNP-E) trying to achieve?
2. How can NNP-E approach a changing future?
3. What is the difference between a pure economic development authority type and a community based group?
4. Looking at environment, economy and community.
5. Has NNP-E become stagnant?
6. What is the difference between NNP-E and ECEDA?
7. Should we develop a new master plan with a regional approach?
8. Members of the other county groups would be invited to attend.
9. NNP-E needs a workshop to help define itself.

Sheri mentioned that elected officials in attendance are not necessarily guides in the process but help in providing oversight.

Paul mentioned that when NNP-E was just getting started economic development was a big part of their goals, citing our support of the Northern Nevada Railport and the economic future for the county after mining. We now need to look at a broader picture. This vision could include land use for recreation, reclamation and community use. We need to focus more on the regularity groups like the BLM and bring them to the table early and working in partnership.

We are looking at several dates for a possible 4.5 hour meeting. The tentative dates are:

Tuesday, May 8 – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR
Thursday, May 17 – 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A sub-group (Elaine Barkdull-Spencer, Sheri Eklund-Brown, Leta Collard, Paul Killpatrick) will meet after this meeting to brainstorm different groups that need to attend this focus meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.