

Land Use and Transportation Study Group
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
May 17th, 2005
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Garfield Township Hall
3848 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684

Coordinating Group Members Present:

Wayne Schmidt (Grand Traverse County)
Linda Smyka (City of Traverse City)
Jim Lively (Michigan Land Use Institute)
Ken Smith (Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council)
Megan Olds (Northwest Michigan Council of Governments)
Rise Rasch (Michigan Department of Transportation)
Jay Hooper (Grand Traverse County Road Commission)
Jim Lagowski (Traverse City Transportation and Land Use Study)
Bob Otwell (Traverse Area Recreation and Transportation Trails, Inc.)
John Nelson (Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay)
Janet Wolf (Munson Healthcare)
Cheryl Gore Follette (Northwestern Michigan College)
Derith Smith (Elmwood Township)
Patrick Pahl (Blair Township)
Doug Mansfield (Michigan Township Association-Grand Traverse County Chapter)
Warren Studley (Citizen-at-large)
Heather Harris-Brady (Citizen-at-large)
Glen Lile (East Bay Township)
Ken Kleinrichert (Traverse Area Association of Realtors)
Joe DeKoning (Bay Area Transit Authority)
Linda Forwerck (Citizen-at-large)
Jennifer Cohoon (Youth Representative)
Andy Knott (Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians)
Robert Gattin (Traverse City Convention and Visitor's Bureau)

Coordinating Group Members Absent:

Doug Luciani (Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce)
Virginia Coulter (HomeStretch)
Gary Derrigan (Traverse City Area Public Schools)
Sally Erickson Bornschein (Homebuilders Association)
Bill Kurtz (Acme Township)
Lee Wilson (Garfield Township)

Meeting Facilitators:

Tom Shea
Paula Sagala

Public Present:

Kelly Thayer
Ann Rogers

Zeke Fleet
Brian McGillivary
Ray Minervini
Raymond Minervini
Rick Gruber
Russ Soyring
June Thaden
Gerry Harsch
Dennis Aloia
Matt Skeels
Bob Russell
Richard Lewis
Harold Chase

I. Wayne Schmidt welcomed the meeting participants. Roundtable introductions were made. Facilitator Tom Shay led the group in an introduction exercise. Meeting members broke into small groups of three or four and shared their name, what brought them to the meeting, and what they brought to the group, and why they were interested in the land use and transportation study process. Each small group reported out highlights from the small group discussion to the larger group.

II. Richard Lewis gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the history of the Coordinating Group's development and its responsibilities. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes for reference.

III. Tom Shea discussed led the group in an exercise that documented what the meeting members identified as components of a "good meeting."

IV. Jim Lively shared a presentation on the goals of typical visioning initiatives. He shared examples of successful visioning initiatives from around the country.

V. Tom Shea distributed a blank calendar to each meeting member and asked them to mark the dates and times that they were not available to meet in June. These calendars will be reviewed by Grand Traverse County to set the date for the next meeting.

VI. Public Comment

Ann Rogers shared some information regarding an article written by James Kunstler and urged the group to consider the impact of oil prices and future resource availability on the area's transportation needs and options.

Coordinating Group member Heather Harris-Brady asked if previous transportation and land use studies that had been conducted in the area were available to the group. Richard Lewis indicated that they were available, but had not yet been compiled for use by the Coordinating Group. He indicated that currently, there is no staff to the Coordinating Group. Heather indicated that those resources needed to be made available.