

Land Use and Development Workgroup

April 5, 2005, 12:30 (CDT) p.m.

Conference Call

- Present: John Chell, Katie Dixon, John Jones, Kevin Smith, Ron Thomas, Dalia Varanka, Susan Wells

Agenda –

· **Reports:**

- RT: the last SD team call; Judy Beck chaired for January. Not a lot of news. One question remains: “What are guidelines for attaching appendices?” Traverse City includes workgroup co-chairs. Some workgroups are doing conference calls while chairs are at conference. Additional clarification needs to come from Jan regarding invitees at Traverse City. (Ron: attached)
- Also need to get dates: (Ron: attached)
- RT: participated in 1 data indicator team; they are looking for guidance; data research needs; had just gotten a packet from them before this call.

· **Concerns:**

- JC: sidebar regarding coastal zone program—how to get that set up.
- ISTEA – Focus on sprawl; sent; pleased to get to hidden subsidies--EPA & Brookings paper--Sent Duluth and surrounding area doc on growth management--Will RT post?
- Kevin Smith: key challenges, written in draft may not be strong enough – need BOLD print.
- John sent white paper-reference: Duluth Urban Area Growth Impact Study, includes area outside Duluth; growth patterns; mechanisms to provide infrastructure to some or not at all. A 90-page document, RT asks for Executive Summary. This is an example of a more rural area looking at same issues-may have Executive Summary later today. Post as reference with Dahlia’s draft & Duluth study.

· **Discuss Section 1 Draft:**

- 1st draft to 4-5 pages. Very general; RT uses as intro to part 2. Does approach work? Yes; governance & financing.
- JC: real concern to address local government’s capacity building.
- Upstate New York – very unique; might be good reference; take a look.

· **Section 2 Progress Report:**

- 2nd part – draft; listing best practices examples--List with website location or annotation; editorial background plus best practice. Annotation is agreed. Those who know documents best, what principle to illustrate, great if people could add squibs if they know citations.
- Need for greater professional services to communities. RT trying to do this for past 5 years at NIPC.
- USGS – natural & physical sciences; professional planners have been trained . . . Planning too important to be left to Planners. Point of view, values, maybe ½ dozen in this whole area (# of planners).
- There are those dying to build.
- John Jones: best plan every developed; developers will make application for a copy of insurance and will break the bank. Communities in SE MI budgeting \$250K for legal services – literally break the bank; generating a lot of tax revenue, Mayor becomes involved.
- Mega regional mall. They are trying and contributing to the problem. Nurturing champions. Standards; you’ll get money if . . .
- Focused on blocks of info rather than editorial point of view; look at how strongly.
- Working materials up on web
- Overall collaboration – program – invitation standpoint.

Great call—THANKS.

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