

Community Sustainability Meeting Notes

Great Basin College—December 16, 2003

Attendance

Paul Killpatrick, GBC
Chris Johnson, City of Elko Council
Jim Collord, Cortez Mines and NNSG
Mary Korpi, Newmont Mines
Bill Upton, Placer Dome
Nancy Sheffield, ECEDA.
Frank Gonzales, Sierra Pacific and ECEDA
Summer Erhmann, GBC Foundation
Danny Gonzales, GBC
Dirk van Zyl, UNR Mine Life Cycle Center
Leta Collord, NNSG., NNSG
Ann Carpenter, Domestic and International Mineral Development Consultant
Sherri Eklund-Brown, Elko County Commission.

Names

General discussions – Leta suggested using Mining, Communities, Partnerships as the original poster/flyer invite indicated. Mining & Communities, Partnering into the Future was the title, or something similar. Possibly use this to construct a name. This also supports what Paul K suggested – wanting to indicate, highlight mining's desire to initiate this process ... ie they were a leader, motivator in this process.

Construct a name whereby the acronym will be easy to use and recognize – NNSG, RCAG, CTAC

Some examples:

Gang of 10/ Dirty Dozen
Northeastern Nevada
Northern Nevada
Northern Nevada 20/20, 20/20
Future Focus 20/20, 2020
20/20 Focus
20/20 Sustainability
Northern Nevada 20/20

There were comments about not liking 20/20 – too time constraining; not liking 'sustainability'

Mission Statement:

Keeping Elko's economy sustained after mining
NE Nevada – focus on economic development
GBC, outreach

Careful, respectful of county's jurisdictions
Impact, vs investment, vs transition
Mining's goal, outreach, diversification
"No New Check" policy from mines
Partnering with Communities

"To develop strategies for the future changes of mining (activity) and its engagement with Northern Nevada communities."

"To develop strategies that that turn future changes in mining into engagement process that develop economic diversification."

White Board Notes/General Discussions:

Economic stability after mining
Geographic representation/advantaged of a regional approach
Mining timeframe
Economic development and diversification
Outreach
Community transition after mining
Consideration of county jurisdictions/boundaries
Examine community ability to make investments
Business focus and stability after mining
Long-term investment of \$
Create endowment to enable communities to match \$ for grants
Mines are part of conversation
This group could be more strategic at the policy level/global policy perspective
Incentives to keep families in local communities after retirement
Legislative actions
Mine profile/inventory needed
Expand group: Key stakeholders/representation of elected officials/resource folks
What's the infrastructure?
Funding sources
Deliverable structure
Actionable items required

Developing partnerships in communities – leveraging mining investments into longer-term, broader-based economic diversification and opportunities.

Taxes attributed to mining:

Tax Structures and Investment
Property Taxes
Net Proceeds Taxes
Sales taxes
Payroll taxes
Personal property taxes
Claim holding fees to federal government

“Resource people” to tap into at various meetings

City officials and leaders

Mayor

Health care professionals

Policy-makers

NGOs,

Non-Profit groups

Core group of 12 needs to expand to get federal agencies involved.

Current State ---moving to--- Future State

Involves a discussion of mission, objectives, and initiatives

Discussion around needing action items; make sure the discussions are ‘actionable’

Action Items

1. Getting/ inviting other rural communities to be involved
 - a. Paul K will take lead, with assistance from Mary K, Nancy S
2. Government agency involvement
 - a. Sherri E and Mary K will team together to address this
 - b. BLM
3. Profile of Mines – Dirk will take the lead, with assistance from Bill U, Mary K
 - a. Newmont, Placer, Barrick, Queenstake, others, Exploration companies?
4. Information Distribution – Danny with GBC will take lead, be point person
 - a. Danny will be the master of the email list, and distribution protocol will be dictated by him!
 - b. Jan. 31st – first sub-Action Item. Need to have the full group brainstorm ...
 - i. Names
 - ii. Mission Statement
5. Webpage – Dirk and Danny will strategize this
6. Charter – need for the group to develop a charter
 - a. Dirk, Ann, Mary, & Bill will work on this together
 - b. Some in the group supported developing this together so that all have ownership, accountability
 - c. Ann and Bill are to provide Dirk with Rawhide and Goldensunlight – respective community group’s individual charters
7. Media outreach
 - a. Summary of this meeting will be provided to Adella
 - b. Paul & Chris will write summaries for distribution to other papers, Ely, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain (contact Mickey Yarborough to ensure collaboration and inclusivity)
8. Examples of Community Groups
 - a. Kennecott Flambeau Project summary - Ann to provide summary or will get Kennecott representative to explain

- b. Golden Sunlight-Whitehall MT – Community Transition Action C...?. Bill Upton with PDUS will provide summary or will invite representative from Whitehall to come tell the story again
 - i. The objective is to illustrate these two groups – how they came together; what structure they operate under; what guidelines, charters, mission statements have been designed; how often they meet; who is involved – make-up of the group and how it was ‘constructed’.
 - ii. Ann and Bill work together to develop questions to ask each of the groups to best gather the information that the Elko group needs to help develop the form and function of this group ...
 - iii. Strategize with Bill and Paul how best to convey what was found the possibility or not of having visiting ‘representatives’ at the next meeting to explain each of these two groups – may not have enough time ... may be better to have Bill and Ann just explain their findings – comparing together what they found

What was not put down as an action item was Frank’s recurring discussion about the possibility of a ‘legislative’ fix. How do we address getting the word out on the group’s activities to elected officials. How do we get elected officials involved without seeming to play favorites.

Next Meeting

Group to meet every other month initially. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb 10, 2004.

Possible future guest speakers, resource individuals

Wind generation – Artform or function

Elected officials – Tuscarora, Elko, elsewhere

