

Enosburg Initiative Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

Present: Shawna Lovelette, Stacy Carpenter, Sally Tryhorne, David Tryhorne, Heather Moore, Sandy Ferland, Sarah Tougas, Ellen Stanley, Jennifer Bright, Jim Cameron.

The update on the Better Connections Grant came from Shawna, reading text from an email from Greta Brunswick. Greta met with Jonathon Elwell on March 7th to discuss formulating a schedule. At the March 27th Trustees meeting there will be discussion of the formulation of the steering committee, and the signing of the grant, if applicable. RFP bid is going out mid April, steering committee will start meeting in June.

It was suggested that as many members as possible attend the meeting on the 27th.

Stacy Carpenter reported that the regional rec meeting was held on this day, and she will help create a regional list, and will help with collaboration. Next meeting in May in Highgate.

David and Sally Tryhorne reported that they had been inside the IOOF Building, and the old movie theater, owned by Greg Abbott, both of which are for sale. They felt they might have possibilities to consider in our search for the Welcome Center.

Northern Borders Grant meeting was also held today, Jim was in attendance. If we are to apply, letters of intent must be completed by the end of March. This grant is federal money, administered by the federal gov., handled by the state. Our best bet would most likely to be to apply for a Revolving Loan Fund in regard to this grant. Another possibility that might bode well for us is an incubator building in the Industrial Park. We were advised to take the idea and move to a feasibility study and from that a plan. USDA may have a grant for this and Jim will follow up on Monday

Jim, Shawna and Jennifer went to the high school and met with administration and the teachers for 40 minutes last week. Positive results. Jennifer is going to use her commercial kitchen to do a cooking class for the rec department. She is also organizing an "Art in the Park" event with the school kids on May 26th. Several teachers made specific suggestions. One was to set up meetings with students and Jim suggested we work on a flier regarding this to encourage students to sign up for the information meetings.

Next planning meeting Thurs., March 22, 8:30am, Quincy Hotel.

Next E I meeting, Thursday, March 29th, 5:30pm, Emergency Services building.