



**COORDINATING COMMITTEE
of the
Laurentian Vision Partnership**

Meeting V

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 – 9:00 A.M.
Iron Range Resources
Mineland Reclamation Office, Chisholm, MN

Objective

To review the status of major activities and actions decided at the November 1, 2006 – Laurentian Vision Partnership Meeting, and prepare the agenda for the January 31, 2007 Laurentian Vision Partnership Quarterly Meeting

WORK GROUP UPDATES

A. REGIONAL VISIONING

- **Brochure**

- Second draft prepared and is out for review by Members
 - Comments due back January 9

Action: Final for approval at next LVP meeting

- **Handbook**

- Going slow – next priority for Chris Carlson
- Timing this to tie with East Range Charrette this Spring

- **Website**

- Expect to complete at the end of February (Coordinating with Iron Range Resources Web Update)

- **Regional Meetings**

- Anticipate scheduling in February/March/April
- Printed brochure will be available and used at these meetings

Action: Organize regional meetings at next LVP quarterly meeting

B. TOOLS & RESOURCES

- **Mine Map**

- Nothing new... in continued update process

- **Central Iron Range Sewer and Sanitary District**

- Planning Work is scheduled to continue through June 2008

- 3D presentation is available to show at the January LVP meeting of underground mining activity

Action: 15 minute PowerPoint presentation by Dale Cartwright & Julie Oreskovich

- **Iron Range GIS Collaborative**

- Nothing new, waiting on ARDC staffing and funding development
 - Land use applications
 - Train the mining engineers to use this tool

Action: John Chell to give quick progress review of work to date and next steps/status at next LVP quarterly meeting.

- **Area-wide LVP Map**

- List composition?
 - Criteria for inclusion of a project needs to be finalized

Action:

- Next meeting new/updated map version will be presented
 - Color coded system to retain/archive maps
 - New title? Suggestions
 - Laurentian Vision Projects Map?
 - Leave as is and reference to LVP sponsorship

- **Elevation Data Mapping**

- Omit until April 17, 2007 meeting

- **East Range Charrette**

- Chris Carlson working on a revised budget with Terry – funding development is underway
- April tentative date to conduct (later in month)
 - Dates to avoid (April 1st & 17th)
- Coordinator to help Terry close to being under contract by the City of Biwabik
- Need to hire Chris Carlson to play a supporting technical and facilitator role
- City of Biwabik is fiscal agent – Terry is the lead for funding development work
- Peripheral project awareness/handling regional contacts/Biwabik area focus

- **Keewatin/Taconite Charrette**

- Tom Sampson new Mayor (interest still there)
- US Steel & Cleveland Cliffs looking at reserve land swaps...probably two years away from doing this
- Other future Charrette Programming we should anticipate or encourage?
 - Consider another charrette area – Virginia/Mountain Iron area to the West
 - Consider more regional Charrette after the East Range Charrette
 - LTV Eastward area Charrette related to non-ferrous mining development

C. **TARGETING PRIORITY PROJECTS**

Action: Update to be given by Dan Jordan

- **Innovation Grants**

- Bio-mass/switchgrass
- Mesabi Mountain Wind Coalition/MIEDA
- Pit Lake Proto-Type Project
 - Meetings held with Iron Range Resources
 - Scope of work is reframed – phased approach
 - Phase I - \$160,000
 - 160 acre site defined
 - Housing project planned
 - Broader area land use plan to be done

***Action:** Coordinating Committee supports the revised Phase I Proto-Type Project – Land Use implications discussion at the next LVP quarterly meeting.*

- 2050 mining needs impact update

D. SUB-REGIONAL GROUPS

***Action:** Updates by all four Sub-groups at January meeting*

- **East Range Readiness – Curt Anttila**

- Mesabi Nugget Project remains in question
- PolyMet moving forward
- Laskin Energy Park new development opportunities

- **Quad Cities – Tiffany Anderson**

- Hwy 53 Corridor planning meetings being held
- Zoning of Progress Park being reviewed
- State Bonding projects being discussed – shared
- Sub-regional meeting – ready to move on this
- IREA Large Scale Project Response – end of January trip to Beulah, North Dakota

- **CIRI - Doug Hildenbrand**

- Status update
 - LCMR funded projects
 - Sewer district development
- Funding update
- Pit Lake Prototype Project update

- **Western Mesabi Planning Board – Doug Learmont**

- Update
 - Keewatin Taconite Project
 - Charrette status
 - Minnesota Steel Project update
 - Mesabi/Excelsior Energy Project update
- Canisteo Steel Pit group – water outflow study findings
- Public hearing on county land use – mining overlay zone adoption

E. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 30TH 2007 LAURENTIAN VISION PARTNERSHIP MEETING

- **Non-Ferrous Mining – Frank Ongaro**
 - 20 minutes (including Q/A) – Dan Jordan to make arrangements

- **Wildlife Corridor Impacts**
 - 30 minutes (including (Q/A) – Jeff Hines

- **Tourism Development Tie to LVP Mission?**
 - Tourists visiting are interested in the large projects on the Iron Range
 - More of a sub-regional focus
 - Tie to project environmental reviews and permitting
 - Representation of tourism interest on LVP?
 - Future meeting presentation topic – spring or summer
 - Tie to “National Heritage Area Designation”
 - Oberstar programming tie
 - Could be a detriment – land use control issue
 - Consider an organized effort:
 - Organize a sub-committee to explore this area – tourism and its possible tie to LVP – more formal arrangement in the future.

F. LVP WORK PLAN PLANNING 2007 – 2008

- Assess/re-evaluate current work plan in early 2007 for a 2-3 year period....2010
- Regroup and plan at the Work Group & Sub-Regional Group levels
 - Add members to these groups at the next meeting...sign-up sheets available
- Activities recap handout for 2006 to be prepared by Dan Jordan
- Strategic work planning meeting set as a major part of our agenda for the spring or summer quarterly meeting.

G. OTHER?

- **Iron Mining Association – Re-invite after new Executive Director is on board**
 - Presentation in Spring preferred
- **LVP Booth at SME Conference in April?**
 - Tie to the Underground Mapping presentation
 - Add to the LVP agenda for discussion in January
- **LVP Training for Mining Engineers**
 - Chris Carlson and John Koepke plan and conduct a class?
 - Jim Swearingen to talk with Chris Carlson
 - Add to agenda for January discussion

H. MEETING PARTICIPANTS

- Anderson, Tiffany Eveleth EDA
- Anttila, Curt ERJPB
- Bouska, Marianne Iron Range Resources
- Clevenstine, Pete MN DNR Lands & Minerals
- Hildenbrand, Doug CIRI
- Hines, Jeff MN DNR Wildlife
- Hiti, Brian Iron Range Resources
- Jordan, Dan Iron Range Resources
- Koepke, John U of M Dept of L.A.
- Lasky, Randy Northspan Group
- Learmont, Doug WMMPB
- Lowell, Terry City of Biwabik
- Swearingen, Jim Polymet