

TRANSPORTATION MEETING
Conference Room – Chamber of Commerce
November 17th 2009

PRESENT: Tom Pagel, Dave Christy, James Madden, Diane Gilmore, Becky La Plant, Linda Gibeau, Marla Beaty, Grant Fraiser, Meghan Bown, Shawn Gillen, Rob Mattei

CHAMBER STAFF: Bud Stone & Kerry Larsen

APPROVAL OF September 2009 MINUTES: These will be approved at the next meeting.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

BLANDIN FOUNDATION/LINDA & BECKY:

The committee members were updated on Itasca Transportation Solutions draft recommendations for improving transportation options. Becky and Linda have been working with a group of people to help explore these solutions/options. A hand out was given to each committee member for reviewing. This report consisted of policy & administrative changes, communications & outreach and Education changes, opportunities for coordination & cooperation, operations maintenance & or service improvements and cost sharing or saving ideas. Becky La Plant explained they are now in the stage of expanding along with action planning. Linda gave her email out to the committee members so that comments and suggestions can be emailed to her by Friday November 20th. 2010.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

GET FIT ITASCA – MEGHAN & GRANT:

Meghan and Grant talked with the committee about how they are working on educating the community about how trails within Grand Rapids can be used for transportation purposes. Meghan has been working with Tom Pagel and the city on the project. Meghan informed the committee members there are sixty one and a half miles of trails within Grand Rapids. A college intern at ICC walked all the trails with a GPS and marked where they are. One problem Meghan mentioned is that connectivity to the trails is needed. There is a Trails and Sidewalks report available that has this information. The

Group is concentrating on how to educate the public on these trails. Thoughts of maps being made and distributed in different areas in town, kiosks and a good marketing plan may be established. Bud told Grant and Meghan that if letters of support are needed to let him know.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION

The committee members discussed:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Blandin Easements
- Moving the FBO into the Airport Terminal

ACTION: Bud will set a meeting to clarify the Blandin Easement laws with Bud, Criag Engwall and Rob Mattei. Bud will update the committee members at the Jan. meeting.

2010 COMMITTEE & GOALS:

These will be discussed at the next meeting in Jan. 2010 as well as a new 2010 Chair.

ACTION: Bud will send an email out asking for a volunteer for the 2010 Chair position.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Jan. 19th 2010 at 12:00 noon @Chamber Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned