

Alpena County Heritage Route Team Meeting Notes

Date: 1-31-06

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Alpena City Hall – City Council Chambers

Present: Greg Sundin (City of Alpena), Denise Cline (NEMCOG), Lynn Kolasa (DDA), Kevin Schaedig (MDOT), Rich Sullenger (City of Alpena), Doug Vam (Sanborn Township), Ken Gauthier (Sanborn Township) Beverly Bodem, and Richard Donakowski (Alpena County).

The minutes of the December 20, 2005 meeting were approved. Sundin informed the group that a second quote had been received for the redesign of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park Warming Shelter. The quote was received from UP Engineers and Architects, Inc. for a total of \$3,200. The quote is for the same service that Wigen, Tincknell, Meyer and Associates proposed for \$4,750. A representative from UP Engineers and Architects, Inc. toured the building the company is interested in doing the project because they wrote the Mich-e-ke-wis Park/Starlite Beach Master Plan and would consider the re-design of the building as an extension of that plan.

Donakowski requested an overview of the project thus far. Sundin summarized the US 23 Heritage Route team structure, Management Council, Management Plan, and the Alpena priority project for 2006. He noted that other communities such as Standish and Tawas City are involved in similar projects. Sundin also discussed the breakdown of cost per entity for the re-design that was presented at the last meeting. However, this cost breakdown could change dependent on grant funding available. Sullinger noted that obtaining grant funding is more likely if it is shown that several entities are cooperating by splitting the remaining cost.

Kolasa asked if the city was eligible for grant funding because they are not a 501(c)3 organization. Sundin confirmed that governments are eligible.

The committee discussed the two proposals for re-design of the warming shelter. Kolasa stated that she felt the proposal from UP Engineers and Architects was a better choice because of the lower cost and their knowledge of the property and involvement in the Master Plan.

Motion by Kolasa to accept the proposal for the re-design of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park Warming Shelter into a Heritage Route Welcome Center from UP Engineers and Architects. Seconded by Vam. Motion passed.

The committee reviewed the grant application to the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. It was decided to leave the budget at \$5,000 to cover any additional costs that might be incurred.

Motion by Kolasa to submit the proposal as is to the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. Second by Gauthier. Motion passed.

It was noted that funding is being used through NEMCOG to provide staff support to the Heritage Route team to prepare grant applications and other tasks.

The next US 23 Heritage Route Management Council meeting is Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 10:00 at the Alpena County Annex.

A brief discussion occurred concerning a ditch along US 23. Sundin noted that priority projects in the US 23 Management Plan can always be revised pending approval from the Management Council.

No formal meeting date was set for the next Alpena County Heritage Route Team until the availability of grant funding is known.

Meeting adjourned 2:10.