

Eveleth Comprehensive Plan Update

Organization Meeting Notes
Eveleth Planning Committee
October 8, 2008



Committee Members Present:

Bill Aho
Scott Haas
Bonnie Edwards
Matt Hiti
Jerry Hoel
Margie Koivunen
Jon Marcaccini
Roberta Palen
Shelby Paulson
Connie Sabetti

Others Present:

Jackie Monahan Junek, City Administrator
David Salene, Consultant to the City
Liz Kuoppala, City Councilor
Josh Bergstad, ARDC
Ben Van Tassel, ARDC

Van Tassel thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the Planning Committee. Van Tassel handed out business cards, asked everyone to fill out their information on a contact sheet, and explained what ARDC is and the services it offers.

Van Tassel asked everyone to introduce themselves and talk briefly about their background:

Matt Hiti – A millwork at EvTac and the youngest member of the Committee
Scott Haas – Resident since '93 and owner of three Subways on the Iron Range, involved with the Eveleth Fire Department.
Shelby Paulson – Works at Service Solutions in Virginia
Bonnie Edwards – Professor at Mesabi Community College, Phd in business. Interested in downtown revitalization, housing, and increasing local tax base.
Jerry Hoel – Miners National Bank, served on many community and city committees.
Roberta Palen – Retired, background in Public Administration, EDA member
Bill Aho – Owner of Super Eight, EDA member. Says Eveleth has great opportunity because it is first City on Hwy 53.
Jon Marcaccini – Drugstore owner, active in community
Margie Koivunen – Owner Roosevelt Bar, served on many committees
Connie Sabetti – Employed by state Workforce Center, active in community. Interested in parks and visual appeal of city as well as economic growth.
David Salene – City Consultant working with EDA.
Liz Kuoppala – City Councilor there to observe.

Monahan-Junek announced that there was one more spot open on the Committee and that members should feel free to make suggestions to fill the spot before October 29th.

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Van Tassel informed the Committee of the need and process to update the Comprehensive Plan which is now 8 years old.

Van Tassel explained the duties and role of the Committee: 3 to 4 meetings plus 2 public meetings, talk to and listen to community members about plan, develop and recommend document to City Council.

Hoel asked about the Planning Commission's role in the planning and recommendation process.

Monahan Junek and Bergstad responded that the Planning Commission was not fully constituted at the time and that the Planning Committee would ask the Planning Commission to review and provide feedback on the plan but the Planning Committee would be responsible for the development and recommendation of the plan.

Edwards asked if the Planning Committee would be able to review existing planning documents. This was echoed by other committee members.

Van Tassel stated he would work with City Staff in making the documents available.

VanTassel thanked the attendees for their interest in participating on the planning committee and reminded them to attend the public input meeting on October 19th.

Meeting adjourned.