

MEMO

TO: Ranier City Council
FROM: Ben VanTassel, ARDC
RE: October 14, 2008 Meeting Summary

ARDC staff reviewed what was discussed at the September meeting. The council had asked ARDC to take the input from the public meeting and the issues discussed in September and develop draft recommendations.

The council reviewed the draft recommendations that were developed and made the following changes of note:

- Recommendation R2 changed to: Seek funding or materials to expand and rebuild the current docks to accommodate water traffic.
- Add “as use dictates” and ice rink to recommendation R4.
- Add the use of the local customs office for quicker access to the water.
- Add sentence describing City’s current efforts in collaborating with Koochiching County in developing ordinances.
- Add a recommendation pertaining to the Opportunity for Planning and Zoning.
- Add to recommendation C9 the need for a warning light or similar system that would communicate to emergency vehicles on Highway 11 that a train is present.
- Look into the current services that Arrowhead Transit offers for transit in the area.
- Add “and the liabilities don’t increase” to Recommendation C6.
- Develop a draft annexation statement that identifies when Ranier should consider annexation.
- Add to recommendation E1 the possibility of incorporating the Foreign Trade Zone.

ARDC Staff will continue to make the changes and develop the document. The City Council will work to identify a date for the next public meeting to address the draft recommendations and gather further input.