

# MEMO

TO: Ranier City Council  
FROM: Ben VanTassel, ARDC  
RE: November 6, 2008 Public Review Meeting Summary

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Ranier held a second public meeting to give the public a chance to review the recommendations of the project and give their input. ARDC staff opened the meeting by reviewing the planning process and explaining how the recommendations were developed. ARDC Staff then went through the list of draft recommendations and briefly summarized the thought process that led to the development of each recommendation. ARDC staff then opened up a discussion and asked for input from the attendees. Input included the following:

- R1: Distinguishing between public and private areas needs to be done.
- R2: The need for establishing boat areas should be assessed.
- R3: There are already established snowmobile routes through town, these should be identified.
- R4: When making improvements consider neighbors and the impact, improve less known sites. U-turns and parking near Seven Oaks Park should be addressed.
- R5: The recommendation should address Canadians checking-in to the US.
- R6,7,8: Include railroads, paper lagoon. List National Park mandates.
- R9: The proposed Voyageurs Center will be affected. Bridge history should be accounted for.
- C1: Possibility of tying in with the current Ranier signage
- C2: A blanket that identifies Ranier's support of the historic facility was reiterated, more of a non invasive method.
- C8: Change wording to "fewer."
- C9: Be sure the system is effective and doesn't create additional problems.
- C10: Zoning code could help this issue.
- C11: Would facilitate the "Aging in Place" philosophy.
- A1: Bike trail can be tied in with way-finding system.
- A2: Develop a Capital Improvement Plan. Identify the costs and develop a plan to fix.
- A3: Explore a separate, private system and cost/benefit analysis. Current situation is a fixed cost for International Falls.
- E1: Identify how Ranier would be affected by noise, other adverse affects. Address tax base, more control in regulating the affects. Ranier seems to be a natural fit.
- E2: New businesses need to fit in.