

Avon Hills Initiative Executive Committee and Staff Meeting Minutes
July 25th, 2007 4:45p.m.
New Science Center, Saint John's University

Present: Steve Plantenberg, Mike Leedahl, Lowell Rushmeyer, Todd Holman, Cliff Borgerding, Will Huston. Present as non-voting supporting staff were Tom Kroll and Rachel Peterson.

Introduction of Will Huston, area resident.

Comments on Randall Arendt Conference

Tom reported that over 200 people attended the conference. A diversity of topics were covered with useful information for the many members of the Comprehensive Advisory Committee who attended. Comments from attendees were mostly positive. Randall Arendt would be willing to meet with groups to go over more specific plans and problems.

Comprehensive Plan

A working meeting is planned for August 16. Suggest meeting to prepare Avon Hills point-of-view.

Historical Society

Stearns County Historical Society is planning for a new exhibit on land use and would like AHI input. Steve Plantenberg volunteered to contact them about this, and suggested that anyone who is available attend the meeting, or save for new hire.

Exhibit

The exhibit is on remodeled addition of consequences of habitat on environment. AHI has been asked to talk about Land Use on August 7th from 10-4. Subsequent meetings should be part of new hire's duties.

Newsletter

Rachel reported that newsletter is near completion and will be printed in August.

Land Steward Position

Tom explained: Pay rate set at \$14.42/hr. Position will be announced in newsletter and area papers. Lowell and Peter nominated to be interview committee. September 5th is the closing date.

Other comments

Lowell mentioned a mailing about a power line coming through the corridor (website).

The Nature Conservancy

Developing a Conservation Action Plan – Todd will continue to attend AHI to keep updated on the progress.