

12 January 2012

MEMORANDUM

From: BRENDA W. WILLIAMS, ASLA

To: CALUMET CLR STAKEHOLDER MEETING ATTENDEES

RE: CALUMET UNIT CLR / EA
KEWEENAW NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
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Subject Notes from Calumet CLR Stakeholder Meetings

During the week of December 5th, 2011, Brenda Williams conducted meetings in Calumet, Michigan, related to the Cultural Landscape Report that is being prepared for the Calumet Unit of Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Monday, December 5th, 8:00-9:45am, Calumet Township Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Sonya Schneiderham, Township Trustee, 906-337-1324
2. Gracia Brasco, Township Planning Commission & Calumet Historic District Comm., gregb@chartermi.net (337-0353)
3. Jeff West, Township Planning Commission, jwest@UPEA.com (337-3065)
4. Beth La..., Township Clerk, calumettownship@pasty.com (337-2410)
5. Jerry W. ..., First Township Commissioner, 369-0053
6. Deb Aubin, Township Treasurer, daubin377@yahoo.com
7. Gene Niedholdt, Planning Commission, davesauto@charter.net
8. Steve DeLong, KNHP, steve_delong@charter.net
9. Paul Lehto, Township Supervisor
10. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevens.com

Calumet Township Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

Over the years, the Township has purchased buildings and parcels of land to help protect them from demolition or inappropriate development. The Township has very limited funds for maintaining these resources and is now facing critical conditions with several buildings that need new roofs or other basic repairs as soon as possible. Several of the buildings do not have dedicated uses, so they are vacant and vulnerable to vandalism and pest/weather impacts.

1. The Township owns the following buildings:
 - a. Township Office
 - b. No. 2 Warehouse
 - c. Coliseum
 - d. Coliseum garage
 - e. St. Anne's Church
 - f. Drill Shop (curling club uses, roof damaged by storm, DDA provided funds to repair the roof)
 - g. Powder House
 - h. Sand Storage
 - i. Captains Office
 - j. Fire Hall
 - k. Railroad Shack
 - l. Old State Police Post
 - m. Osceola #13 Dry house- *Note: Michigan Tech. uses for a couple of months each year for housing Emerald Ash Borer research project activities.
 - n. Osceola #13 Engine house
 - o. Osceola #13 Shaft house
 - p. Demarois building (park comfort station)
 - q. Centennial #6 Dry house

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- r. Centennial #6 Collar house
- s. Centennial #6 Shaft house
- t. Centennial #2 Dry house
- u. Centennial #2 Machine shop
- 2. The Township owns the following land (totaling 1,805 acres):
 - a. Township Office – area around
 - b. Coliseum- area around
 - c. St. Anne's Church – area around
 - d. Sixth Street Properties – 5 acres
 - e. Railroad Corridor at Ninth Street
 - f. Renaissance Zone – 160 acres
 - g. Calumet Dam – 189 acres
 - h. Swedetown Ponds – 34 acres
 - i. Ski Trails – 1,049 acres
 - j. Centennial #6 – 120 acres
 - k. Centennial #2 – 160 acres
 - l. Osceola #13 – 25 acres
 - m. Waterworks Park – 59 acres
 - n. WOL. Ballfield – 4 acres
 - o. WOL. Playground
 - p. WOL Boat – Veterans Memorial
- 3. Other Land managed (?) by Township (North Houghton County Water & Sewer Authority) (totaling 935 acres):
 - a. 660 acres ski trails
 - b. 160 acres Centennial #6
 - c. 65 acres Florida Location
 - d. 50 acres CWK
- 4. Other assets in Calumet Township that are worth saving (according to Paul Lehto, Township Supervisor)
 - a. Osceola #13 Steam Hoist (1897)
 - b. Centennial #3 Hoist
 - c. Kingston Hoist
 - d. KEW Savings Bank
 - e. KEW Print Show
 - f. Osceola #13 Skips – Tram cars
 - g. Centennial #6 shaft house
 - h. Osceola #13 shaft house
 - i. Mining Drill Core
 - j. Overhead Crane at the Drill Shop
- 5. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Red Jacket Road corridor:
 - a. Calumet Shaft house locations need to be verified (#1 = East of shaft location, #2 = school grounds, #3 = Peterson's Funeral Home)
 - b. Like idea to interpret former shaft house or shaft locations
 - c. Consider interpreting other underground features (shafts, drifts, etc...) with a wayside of the underground map and markers on the surface locations to indicate the places where these underground features are located. Consider setting the map on the angle of the strike – can you put that on the landscape?
 - d. ATT building– when the historic building was in place the telephone operators worked in this location. The school addition includes a basement that is about 100 yards from the existing ATT building. The fiber cables go through this building and there may be room for the ATT operations.
 - e. Township would like to see the Seaman Mineral Museum Calumet Conglomerate Copper Collection displayed in C&H Warehouse #1.
 - f. Ways to note/display the close proximity of housing to industrial activities during the historic period should be considered.
 - g. The cupola on Warehouse #1 housed the controls for the crossing gate at Red Jacket Road (allowing train cars to cross the road). The foundations for the gate are still visible.
 - h. Consider adding RR crossing signs along the RJR corridor to help make the historic corridor character more apparent.
 - i. Whenever new parking is added in current open space, consideration needs to be given to whether or not that open space has been used for snow

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- stockpiling in the winter. If it has, a new location for the snow stockpiles should be identified to replace the current storage.
- j. Do the alternatives require street parking to continue through the winter? If so, a greater quantity of snow will need to be removed from the street. Currently, street parking is not provided in the winter months, due to issues related to snow removal. Does NPS think street parking needed?
 - k. Power poles along Mine Street could help make it more visible.
 - l. Consider having insulators on power poles to look like they did historically.
6. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Osceola #13
- a. Interpret the hoists – put them outside
 - b. Display mining equipment on the property.
7. Other topics discussed:
- a. Consider interpreting the extant features that relate to the Osceola and Kesarge lodes (outside of Calumet Unit). The four shafts located to the East of Calumet Avenue are easy to locate. They are farther apart due to changes in the technology used to mine.
 - b. Consider recruiting corporate sponsors to fund preservation projects in the Calumet Unit. Potential sponsors include Wisconsin Central Railroad, etc... Requests from the NPS might have more clout than those from the Township.
 - c. School parking lot includes 200 spaces, which is ample for their use and for use by community during non-school months. Location is not always ideal for community events, but does work for some.
 - d. The Powderhouse is extant and needs to be preserved.

Monday, December 5th, 10-noon, KNHP Advisory Commission Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Steve Albee, KNHP Advisory Commissioner, salbee@up.net
 2. Sue Dana, KNHP Advisory Commissioner, villageofcalumet@pasty.com
 3. Mike Pflaum, KNHP Superintendent, mike_pflaum@nps.gov
 4. Scott See, KNHP Advisory Commission Executive Director, scott_see@partner.nps.gov
 5. Al Johnson, KNHP Advisory Commissioner, ami@mtu.edu
 6. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
 7. *Kim Hoagland, KNHP Advisory Commissioner
 8. *John Sullivan, KNHP Advisory Commissioner
 9. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com
- *Kim Hoagland and John Sullivan attended via telephone.

KNHP Advisory Commission Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. How can CLR help to accomplish the Commission's goals?
Scott See will forward a copy of the Commission's goals to Brenda. The goals are not geographic and are focused on the entire park—not just the Calumet Unit.
2. GMP list of primary resources—is it accurate for buildings? Doesn't include landscapes – CLR will help this. CLR can also indicate what planning is needed and a sequence for addressing the resources.
The Concept Development Plan included as an appendix in the CLR was initially developed by individuals in Calumet as an alternative to the GMP alternatives. Does it form a basis for where NPS/Commission is heading today? The park needs a list of primary resources to guide decisions regarding financial support and management. Former Superintendent Corless used this list to help inform desires related to facility development in the Unit. The park will undertake an effort to develop a list of primary resources during the upcoming year. The CLR will provide lists of resources that contribute to the landscape character areas, which can be used to help inform the primary resource list effort.
3. Are there pertinent planning efforts or ideas that have been undertaken by the Commission that have not yet been discussed?
Sue—a document with photos of buildings was prepared by Reverend Langseth and others. Scott See provided a document to Brenda which he believes is the one Sue referred to. Brenda copied portions pertinent to the Calumet Unit.
4. Discussion of Landscape character areas
 - a. The Calumet Downtown Historic District is shown correctly on the CDHD map, but needs to be revised on the landscape character areas plan.
 - b. Housing locations need to be added to key on this plan.

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- c. Add Centennial Heights to housing locations shown on plan.
- d. Make a new character area for Temple Square and the Keweenaw Heritage Center (St. Anne's)
- 5. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Red Jacket Road corridor
 - a. Like concept for helping visitors orient toward the mineral lode using landscape features.
 - b. Like rope stand supports for interpretation. They should be at a height and scale that is representative of the historic elements.
 - c. Like use of utility poles to reinforce industrial character. Consider including crossbars and insulators to strengthen the historic character of these elements.
 - d. Consider providing a large interpretive wayside on Mine Street including a historic image showing what the area looked like during the historic period.
 - e. The industrial core would have been noisy and dirty, and the scents and vibrations from the mining activity would have affected everyone in the area. Include an alternative for RJR corridor that does not include trees and grass, so that it has a stronger industrial character.
 - f. Consider interpreting the discovery of the Calumet Conglomerate lode. In the location of Shaft #1, Hulbert found a cache of 50 tons of oxidized copper that had been gathered by Native Americans. It is part of the story, and directly related to the RJR corridor.
- 6. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Agassiz Park
 - a. Current parking in Agassiz Park is important for downtown businesses and residents. Village sells 15 parking permits for overnight parking to residents. This is likely to grow in the future.
 - b. Need to keep bathrooms in park. The current bathrooms are supposed to be open 7 days a week in the summer, from 8:00am until dark, but there is a volunteer system for accomplishing this and it is achieved on a regular basis.
 - c. Village did plan for park/Fourth Street that included trees in a median, but this was not approved because of concern for street maintenance, especially snow removal.
 - d. Alt#C looks like loss of parking and tax dollars if residences move outside the Village. Response: the number of parking spaces is one less than that currently present. The issue is related to parking spaces available for overnight parking in the winter when the plows must clear the roads. Consideration of techniques used by other UP municipalities may provide a workable approach.
 - e. Take another step and add more active recreation (indicate types)
 - f. Grocery store is moving to highway. What will move in here? A playground was in the location when many people who are adults now were young. Currently, the lot is used for parking during school football games.
 - g. During events in Agassiz Park, the current parking lots are used and people also park along Park Avenue. There are about twelve of these events each year. Need to make sure to provide adequate parking.
 - h. Steve DeLong indicated that he heard of a need for a playground for young children (tot lot) in the park. Sue indicated that people would like there to be swings. Although this type of equipment is available in the school playground, it is not close enough for small children (where do these children live?).
 - i. The active recreation elements present in the park are used a lot.
 - j. There have been some complaints about teenagers on bikes frightening people away.
 - k. More uses for the park should equate to less vandalism.
 - l. There was a sand volleyball court in the park for a while. It was used a lot a first, then the use tapered off and the lot was eventually removed.
 - m. Tennis courts were used a lot when they were in good condition.
 - n. It is very difficult for the Village to maintain the park.
- a. Consider providing reminders of important events in the landscape. (An example is the 1966 death of Ruth Ann Miller, who died during a celebration at Centennial. There is a shrine and postcard at the site telling the story.)
- b. The water tower in Swedetown is a key resource because it is easy to access, visible from a distance, and views from the site provide an excellent overview of Calumet.

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Monday, December 5th, 1-2 pm, CLK Schools Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Daryll Pierce, CLK School Superintendent
2. Mike Hale, School Maintenance Foreman
3. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
4. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

CLK Schools Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Red Jacket Road corridor
 - a. Like Red Jacket Road Corridor concept "C".
 - b. Like the "outdoor classroom" idea and would like to be able to use it for school programs, especially for the local history classes.
 - c. School busses park south of the Gear House now, but the school could work out another place for them to park. Some employees park there too, but there is plenty of room in the parking lot for them.
 - d. Building north of ATT is school maintenance facility.
 - e. Gear House is used for parking busses at night.
 - f. Biggest issue for the CLK schools is traffic flow. If a north flowing lane can be kept open between Warehouse #2 and the Gear house, all other issues should be easy to work out.
2. Discussion of potential landscape treatment alternatives for Agassiz Park
 - a. Agassiz Park improvements would be a big positive from the school perspective.
 - b. Facilities that would be good to have in Agassiz Park:
 - i. Flat, paved surface for street/roller hockey
 - ii. Horseshoes are popular
 - iii. Walking area—people often request permission to walk on the football field/track, but it is not open to everyone (school needs to keep it in good shape for games). They think a walking track that loops around the park would be well used.
 - iv. Idea of removing fence between Agassiz Park and the school grounds (in Alternative C) is good, but need to make sure that people cannot drive through to drive on the practice field.
3. Need to add Mine Street on second POC plan!
4. Canopy trees along Calumet Avenue – preserve? Remove? Can report provide some guidance for this? Yes. The canopy trees along Calumet Avenue contribute to the historic character of the Unit. They should be preserved when possible. If trees are removed, they should be replaced with the same species (Red Maple).



Monday, December 5th, 2:30-4:30pm, Red Jacket Road Corridor Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Paul Lahti, Manager, PLAHTI@FARM MUT.COM
2. Emily Newhouse, Director, Barbara Kettle Gunlap Home, bkghome@pasty.com
3. Mary B. Niemela, Outreach Advocate, Barbara Kettle Gunlap Home
4. Richard Dana, Preservation Coppertown, RAdana@charter.net
5. Paul Lehto, Supervisor, Calumet Township, Calumettownship@pasty.net
6. Phyllis Locatelli, Board Chair, Keweenaw Heritage Center, locatelli@charter.net
7. Jean Elles, Vice-Chair, Keweenaw Heritage Center, jellis@pasty.net
8. Fred Geis, Keweenaw Heritage Center, Fred.Geis@gmail.com
9. Anita Campbell, Keweenaw Heritage Center, pdcampb@pasty.com
10. James Heikkila, jheikkila@pasty.net
11. Daryll Pierce, CLK School Superintendent
12. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
13. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

Red Jacket Road Corridor Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. NPS owns triangular lot between Red Jacket Road, Fifth Street, and Armory, but the County has an easement for storm water drainage that covers the entire property.
2. Paul Lehto indicated that is is ok with the Township if the office needs to be relocated to another site.
3. St. Anne's – parking/ traffic pattern/snow removal is an issue
4. Fence outside the building at St. Annes?
5. SW @ RJR in winter the parts that are cleared are mostly cleared by NPS.

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6. Show parallel parking as existing (but seasonal) on both sides all along Red Jacket Road.
7. Provide parking for Heritage Center and the Union Building.
8. Have considered abandoning Temple Street but would require a property transfer and snow removal would be a problem.
9. Sidewalk on east side of St. Anne's is a good idea.
10. One way traffic on Fifth at St. Anne's exists, but needs to be enforced.
11. ATT – check and find out how much fiber optics run through the school.
12. Really like idea of fences along RJR.
13. Jim – would like sidewalk on South side of RJR—it would help a lot.
14. Add interpretive panel about churches at Temple Square
15. Drainage at Temple Square is a BIG problem. Follow up with Houghton County Road Commission.

Monday, December 5th, 6:30-8:30pm.

Attendees:

1. Lucy Nakkala, Chair, Village Planning Commission, lnakkula@yahoo.com
2. Paul Graiatff, Planning, Northframe@att.net
3. Rick Campioni, DDA, ecamp@up.net
4. Joseph Mihal, Calumet Village, pinkoyote1@hotmail.com
5. Sue Dana, Village Comptroller, villageofcalumet@pasty.com
6. Tony Bausano, Village President
7. Mary Forsberg, Village DDA, mary@forsbergappraisals.com
8. Jim Johnson, Village Planning Commission, jim@agatereef.org
9. Dave Geisler, Village Trustee, vooper2b@hotmail.com
10. Lorri Oikarinen, DDA, planning, lorri@crosscountrysports.com
11. Amy Jo Fischer, HDC Calumet, aj@bohemiaprinting.com
12. Bill Rosemurgy, HDC Coordinator, calumethdc@gmail.com
13. Chris Green, HDC, cagreen@charter.net
14. Jeff Fischer, Village Planning Commission, Jeff@bohemiaprinting.com
15. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
16. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

Village of Calumet Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. **Village ownership of resources:**
 - a. DDA owns Agnes Block, Payne Webber Building, Michellich Slaughter House
 - b. Village owns: Calumet Theater, Fire Hall, Italian Hall Site, Agassiz Park, and
 - c. The lot to the south of the Union building is owned by the Village. A variety of ideas for the use of this lot have been proposed over the years. The Village would like to sell the lot to the NPS.
 - d. Village also owns property along Sixth Street Extension that has not been developed (where?)
2. Oak Street between 4th and 5th is used for some festivals: Heritage Days, Pasty Fest, and others. Oak Street is very wide
3. On Alt C, 4th and 5th streets, narrow the sidewalk to accommodate more parking (put in angled parking)
4. A plan prepared by the DDA in 1975 indicates locations where the Village plans to do sidewalk repairs (when funding is available) This has been updated, and the village does not need additional guidance regarding street and sidewalk repairs.
5. **Italian Hall**
 - a. Elm Street between 6th and 7th – how to direct visitors to get to Italian Hall? Nearby streets and sidewalks are in poor condition.
 - b. Lots of people want to visit this location.
 - c. Arch is there, but not in original location
 - d. Area around the site is not in good shape.
 - e. The property does not give a feeling of what happened there or image of the structure that was there.
 - f. Next year is the 100 anniversary of the Italian Hall disaster.
 - g. Want to maintain arch and have an area for reflection.
 - h. There used to be a sign with information, but it was not completely correct.
 - i. Can adjacent lots be used for interpretative materials?
 - j. Steve DeLong suggested:

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- i. Short term response – this year, immediate improvements (remove non-contributing landscape features like the parking lot to the south – Steve said NPS discussed recently)
 - ii. Long term response – NPS has a project statement in for a planning effort addressing the site. The project will be reviewed and updated during an upcoming NPS service-wide comprehensive planning effort. The project is supported by a “Front—end Planning Report” conducted by Marcella Wells (Wells Resources) in 2011. The report outlines an approach for planning for the site (from an interpretation perspective).
 - iii. Finlandia students were involved in a design effort related to the site, but they did not share the resulting product with NPS.
 - iv. Steve recommended the CLR indicate improvements to be implemented, without prescribing specific design objectives. The CLR could recommend that a design be developed through a planning process or through NPS technical assistance to the Village of Calumet (the site owner).
 - v. There are many different ideas for the park
 - 1. Footprint of building with some waysides
 - 2.
 - k. Village owns the site, but Sue thought NPS would eventually own it.
 - l. Village would like a “professional” memorial site and feels NPS is best choice for determining the design for the site. Steve DeLong indicated that NPS has experience taking care of national memorials, but NPS does not typically design and build them.)
- 6. Oak Street corridor –**
- a. great integrity for buildings.
 - b. Important corridor for the village
 - c. Wide sidewalks were to provide adequate pedestrian space when the depot played a major role in providing transportation to the Village.
 - d. Block between 4th and 5th – concrete in street is visible “Shea’s Livery” the livery footprint could be interpreted to visitors
 - e. Wide sidewalk provides opportunity for merchants to display merchandise outside.
 - f. When Oak Street was widened and the sidewalks were narrowed this impacted integrity of the streetscape. Meeting attendees debated the value of integrity of the streetscape vs. additional parking. There are strong arguments on both sides.
- 7. Wayfinding: Sixth Street Extension/Red Jacket Road**
- a. Two types of traffic in the community include local and tourist. To get to the Village from the highway, individuals must pass through the Township. This makes coordination of planning between Village and Township important.
 - b. Sixth Street Extension is the main entrance to the Village for tourist traffic but visual appearance does not reflect historic character. People not familiar with the area often go down 6th Street and keep going. How to capture people from 6th to get back into the Red Jacket Road corridor? (note aspects of this comment are supported by the Houghton County Road Commission’s statistics indicating that Sixth Street Extension has the highest average daily traffic count for a county road, at 13,000. It is not known what proportion of the traffic is local or tourist, but the high number is a clear indication that this route is heavily used.)
 - c. To help guide visitors back to Red Jacket Road, consider reworking the corner at Armory Street and adding a stop sign at 6th and Armory to provide a more intuitive flow for tourist who don’t make it to Red Jacket on US 41.
 - d. The 6th Street Extension is a state highway bypass route (emergency route).
8. CLR should reinforce existing Village plans that have been prepared and adopted. The plan for 4th street was partially adopted—part not adopted was eliminated due to specific issues such as plowing. (this referring to medians with trees). Also see Agassiz Park notes.
- 9. Recreational Corridor**
- a. Physical separation of trails is necessary
 - b. Dirt surface = dust problem for trail users and nearby residents/businesses
 - c. Speed factor = difficult issue
 - d. ATV trail = mountain bike connection to Swedetown trail

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- e. ATV association in Western UP = strong and growing—they would like to see one major regional trail linking the entire area
- f. The existing state trail ROW is on Township land
- g. Oak at Depot is an ideal area for large vehicle parking – RVs, etc...
- h. Corner at Swedetown and Mine Street, carriage house is owned by local resident, Warren Manning designed the yard and garden during the historic period.
- i. Streetcar down Pine Street, Sixth Street, to Depot and RR tracks around the industrial core (see yellow highlight on CDP from GMP)
- j. Why need designated ATV trails added in the Village? Can't they just use the RR corridor? Note: no ATV trails are proposed in the Village of Calumet. Informal ATV use routes were acknowledged to inform the trails discussion.
- k. The recreational corridor should be designated as such to preserve it for this use while the opportunity exists. Otherwise, private development can occur at any time that would interrupt the continuity of the corridor.
- l. CLR can recommend preservation of the corridor, and provide suggestions for its use, if NPS wants that.

10. Housing / Residential

- a. Can NPS do more to support residential communities in the Calumet Unit?
- b. Encourage finding funding for preservation for historic resources for residential projects. The state of the historic fabric in Calumet Unit residences is deteriorating because of no funding.

Tuesday, December 6th: Follow-up meeting with Sue Dana at Village Hall.

1. Williams & Works Plan = Coppertown Proposal

2. 1995 Plan by UP Engineers –

- a. Fourth Street Proposal
 - i. Plan proposed new medians and plantings, but these were not implemented according to the plan.
 - ii. Planted groundcover in the existing median strips
 - iii. People walked across the planters
 - iv. Plants were not watered
 - v. The plants died and were not replaced.

3. Grocery Store at Fourth Street is moving to US 41

- a. Part of the reason that the 1995 plan was not wholly endorsed was that the grocery store owner argued that the change in circulation would negatively affect their business.
- b. Village needs another commercial business to occupy this location to provide tax revenue.
- c. Could Ace Hardware expand into this property?
- d. Could the car dealership at Fifth and Scott move to the grocery store lot on Fourth Street? If so, this would limit parking for high school football games, because the grocery store parking lot is currently used for this.
- e. The village needs a good grocery store in the downtown area. Lots of ideas were discussed: cooperative, organic produce, high-end merchandise, Trader Joes, etc...

4. Sue – area along fence line between Agassiz Park and Dry house contains lots of wild roses.

5. Steve D. – there have been discussions about putting a light at the walkway between the park and the school.

6. Talk to Dick Dana about using parking at Coppertown for Visitor Center / Red Jacket parking. (Kathleen Harter indicated in NPS meeting that she thinks this is too far away for use by most visitors – might work better when sidewalks and crosswalks are implemented along RJR.

7. Sue – village would like to see 6th Street from Pine to Scott redone with pressed concrete to look like brick. Also, they would like to uncover historic brick roads where they are covered by asphalt. In some areas this is not possible due to sewer projects that have torn up the historic pavement. Eighth Street was wood blocks that were soaked in creosote.

8. What does the community need in Agassiz Park?

- a. A pavilion based on the historic structure is supported by some members of the community. The Manning designed structure was huge (84'x36'), would a scaled down version be more appropriate? This has been discussed for use for fish boils, or other activities. They are thinking of something that is

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- respectful of the historic character of the park, but not a complete representation of the Manning design.
- b. A band shell similar to the one in Banner Park in Laurium is also a popular idea.
- 9. Housing Commission properties in Agassiz Park**
- a. Assisted Senior Housing is very important to the community. There is a great demand for these units, and the Village receives "payment in lieu of taxes" that is an important part of the annual income.
 - b. There is a feeling that the downtown is getting "filled" with low income residences.
 - c. Village asked MSHDA if money for single family rehabilitation could be used to help people stay in current residences. MSHDA responded positively, but no forward movement occurred.
 - d. Sue - There are a lot of vacant lots in the Village, outside the historic district that could be used for infill development for assisted housing. This new construction would be of more revenue value to the Village than rehabilitation of historic buildings would be. Target areas could be associated with buildings to be rehabilitated, such as the area behind the Morrison School. What other locations are good potentials for this type of approach? Brenda will discuss with QEA project managers to better understand taxation/revenue impacts of preservation vs. infill.
 - e. There is a stigma associated with the residents of the townhouse development at Agassiz Park.
- 10. What help does the Village need to achieve their goals?**
- a. Fund to have DDA purchase buildings before they get too bad?
 - b. Assistance in enforcing ordinances?
 - c. Village has some property owners that own multiple buildings and don't do anything with them. These are becoming worse and worse as time goes on and they are not maintained.

Tuesday, December 6th, 8:00-9:00am, Houghton County Road Commission Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Kevin Harju, P.E., County Highway Engineer, Kevin@houghtonroads.org
2. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
3. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

Houghton County Road Commission Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. Triangular area at intersection of Red Jacket Road and Armory Street and Fifth Street – flooding due to problem with storm drain structure on north side of Red Jacket road. From Sixth Street and beyond, the storm drain system is new and works well. Best choice is to capture the runoff from Red Jacket Road with structures on both sides of the road, connecting to an improved structure in the triangle, then piping across Fifth (to the swale south of the churches) and daylight in the swale.
2. Houghton County uses MDOT standards for all crosswalk and construction. These can be found on line as well as ADA requirements for crossings.
3. Might be ok to install (could they be historic style?) RR crossing signs for interpretive purposes. Road commission would be receptive, but would need details regarding what the sign would look like and what the marks on the pavement would be. Provide specific example in report. If possible, run by Kevin.
4. The realignment/widening of 6th Street was done in the early 70s. County surveyor remembers working on it. Could not find plans for it.
5. The right-of-way for 6th Street is 120 feet. The trees on the west side of the roadway are in the right-of-way. The RC is willing to consider a proposal to add vegetation to enhance the corridor (with specific species and location indicated). Since they will be in the ROW, the RC will reserve the right to have them trimmed and/or removed if they become a hazard to the motoring public.
6. An extra lane was added ten years ago, due to the high level of use.
7. 6th Street extension is a commercial route and an "all season route."
8. The average daily traffic (ADT) for 6th Street Extension is approximately 13,000.
9. Fences? Should not be in ROW. Back of sidewalk should be ok for county, but may be difficult for property owner to maintain. Depending on the construction of the fences, winter snow could crush them. Steve D. is very concerned about how the

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- NPS can sustain additional maintenance efforts/costs required by fences although he likes the concept of adding them for visitor benefit and understanding.
10. Kevin- usually no fences are allowed in the ROW, but it is possible to get an encroachment permit to do this type of thing.
 11. Kevin- all sidewalks on county roads are officially "paved shoulders" no county roads have "sidewalks." The paved shoulders can look like sidewalks, but must be designed for vehicular weight (8" reinforced concrete).
 12. Kevin- usually the Road Commission uses sidewalks (paved shoulders) for snow storage in the winter, some exceptions are possible. Where exceptions occur, markers are used to indicate this to plow drivers.
 13. Streetcar route as provided in CDP may not work well with topography behind Coppertown if it operates on rails. Streetcar could be a safety issue.
 14. The John Church alternative transportation study indicated that a rubber tire trolley may be the only possibly approach.
 15. Mine Street is a county road.
 - a. Can it be abandoned? Yes, but all adjacent property owners have to agree.
 - b. Better approach is to do a ROW for paved pedestrian/bike route (8-10' wide) through a permit with the county.
 - c. ORV ordinance – county can restrict roads that would not be open to ORVs.
 - d. No motorized use of lower portion of Mine Street could be established by the county. This would need to be revisited with Township representatives.
 - e. Ordinance indicates that ORVs must travel the road portion of the ROW.

Tuesday, December 6th, 2:30-4:30pm, Agassiz Park Stakeholder Meeting

Attendees:

1. Amy Jo Fischer, business & home owner, aj@bohemiaprinting.com
2. Dave Geisler, Village Trustee, yoooper2b@hotmail.com
3. Mary Forsberg, Village DDA, mary@forsbergappraisals.com
4. Sue Dana, Village Comptroller, villageofcalumet@pasty.com
5. Lorri Oikarinen, DDA/Planning, lorri@crosscountrysports.com
6. Darryl Pierce, CLK Schools Superintendent, dpierce@clkschools.org
7. Tom Tikkanen, Main Street Calumet, Tikkanen@mainstreetcalumet.org
8. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
9. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevens.com

Agassiz Park Stakeholder Meeting Notes:

1. What plans are in place for Agassiz Park?
 - a. Village plan for Fourth Street was to add entrances to the buildings facing the park and add some seating opportunities. Also considered planting coniferous trees in a median.
2. What are management issues related to Agassiz Park?
 - a. Parking
 - i. Business people park on Fourth Street.
 - ii. After 5:00pm the NPS visitor center is closed – parking could be used by residents (Alt C)
 - iii. Parking for downtown residents is needed.
 - iv. To have vibrancy reestablished downtown, there needs to be parking for visitors and residents as well as RV parking so visitors in RVs can just pull in and park downtown.
 - v. Village would like to use the parking at the current grocery store (which is moving away) for the park.
 - vi. Garages to rent? Consider developing garage spaces downtown.
 - vii. Use pocket parks for parking for residents overnight? But the intent is to fill these areas with buildings.
 - viii. Trolley and parking lots?
 - ix. The village is competing with strip malls – there has to be convenient parking. There is plenty of parking now, but if you double the downtown population and businesses, you will need more parking. (BW- note that to compete with strip malls, the historic character of the village must be an appealing draw. While parking is important, if decisions are made to maximize parking that decrease historic character, there will not be a draw from strip malls.)
 - x. The future will see less use of cars and more walking and biking.
 - xi. What are alternatives for parking on Sixth and Seventh Street?

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- xii. Alternate side of the street parking cannot work in Calumet.
 - xiii. Overnight off-street parking – 15 permits now, might need as many as 30 someday. The current 15 are at Agassiz Parking on Fourth Street near Oak.
 - xiv. Have to clear snow from street from curb to curb each night.
 - xv. Dave – make adjacent parking (school) available for festivals.
 - xvi. Sue- parking needs to be close to the events.
 - b. Housing & Downtown Development
 - i. Morrison School could be a good place for assisted housing to occur.
 - ii. We are a redeveloping community – we are filling every space we rehabilitate.
 - iii. Sue- any building removed = loss in tax revenue
 - iv. Tom – relocating townhouses ok but relocating senior housing more difficult. Definitely should keep in current location until phased approach can be implemented.
 - v. There is a stigma associated with living on Park Avenue.
 - c. Fourth Street
 - i. Steve D. – Fourth Street uses half of a block. Backs of buildings on Fifth could be more efficient about parking and other use of space. Consider adding/improving building entrances on Fourth Street side, adding courtyards, screening dumpsters & other utilitarian facilities, etc...
 - ii. Narrowing Fourth street = traffic calming = good—people drive too fast now
 - iii. In 1960s parking was along Fourth Street, with Lombardi poplars on both sides of the street. Cars were parked between the trees.
 - iv. Consider building up the existing medians with vegetation and retain the parking as it is.
 - v. Consider angled parking on Fourth Street.
 - vi. Tom – 25% of traffic going to end of 4th probably to grocery store.
 - vii. Along 4th Street – short term- redress parking and plantings
 - viii. Where Fourth Street widens near the grocery store, the traffic circulation is confusing and should be addressed.
 - d. Park hours – lighting? Some there now but not great. Many parks are not open after dark- consider.
 - e. Conditions of radial paths need to be improved.
 - f. Many historic trees need to be pruned or otherwise maintained.
 - g. A vegetation management plan (especially addressing the historic trees) would be helpful.
 - h. Consider restoration of Lombardi poplars and other trees/shrubs that were part of Manning's plan installed.
 - i. With grocery store leaving, what will happen in that location?
 - j. State of Michigan is encouraging municipalities to merge. There has been consideration of merging the Village and Township, as well as Laurium. Not clear how this would affect management of Agassiz Park.
3. What are the community's needs that could be filled at Agassiz Park? Active recreation? What type? Other?
- a. Playground for small children (This was discussed in several meetings and the nearby school playground was considered. Some attendees felt there was not a need for another playground so close to the school playground. Others felt that a tot-lot needs to be near homes. It might be useful to determine how many young children live in the area close to this site. There are 50 children living in the Park Avenue townhouses, which are very close to the school playground.)
 - b. A skate park (possibly in the cul-de-sac of Park Avenue).
 - c. Bandstand (something like in Daniel Park on Pewabic Street in Laurium)
 - d. Picnic pavilion
 - e. Picnic tables, grills, benches
 - f. Concessions
 - g. Radial paths – preserve and maintain
 - h. Running/walking track with fitness stations
 - i. Volleyball
 - j. Ice rink
 - k. Basketball
 - l. Horseshoes
 - m. Tennis
 - n. Pump track
 - o. Community gardens (plantings)

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- p. Wireless/wifi
 - q. Lighting
 - r. get HS / college kids involved with ideas for what should happen in the park.
 - s. Superintendent Pierce – youth needs survey recently conducted indicated kids feel like there is “nothing to do” in Calumet. Consider providing wireless coverage in park, bmx track, skate park, other active recreation.
 - t. Classes from the school used to use the park—would like to see that happen again.
 - u. Festival opportunities (Tom- festivals can’t respond to all requests for festival use that they are getting)
 - v. Planning commission is planning to upgrade the Master Plan for Agassiz Park Sue- can Steve come to planning commission meeting? The park landscape architect is available for technical assistance to the Village—including attendance at planning commission meetings. Typically, one week advance notice is helpful when making technical assistance requests.
 - w. Make building there now (with restrooms) bigger for concessions sales – who administers? Village?
 - x. Shelter with stage at end (garage door) or removable walls
 - y. Need a public restroom in the park (there is one currently, but the hours it is open are limited)
4. Are there pertinent planning efforts or ideas that have been undertaken for Agassiz Park that have not been discussed?
- a. Project to build pump track in the park was initiated due to a desire to have some active recreation opportunities in the park.
5. Possible treatment concepts for Agassiz Park
- a. Relocation of Agassiz statue – back to park: now it is very visible and not a target of vandalism. Previously, while still in the park, the statue was vandalized frequently. If it is put back in the park, it must be visible and well maintained.
 - b. Could the grocery store property be used for a convention center?
 - c. Alternative C = a spark for revival of the community.
 - d. Although meeting attendees responded favorably to Alternative C, concern regarding village revenue and parking needs dominated the discussion. Recommendations need to take into account a phased approach that ensures these needs are addressed.

Wednesday, December 7th, 8:00-9:00am

Attendees:

- 1. Lorri Oikarinen, DDA/Planning Commission, lorri@crosscountrysports.com
- 2. Peter Hahn, DDA/MS, petrahahn@charter.net
- 3. Tom Tikkanen, MSC/DDA, TTikkanen@mainstreetcalumet.org
- 4. Tom Baker, NPS/MS, Thomas_M_Baker@nps.gov
- 5. Mike Pflaum, Superintendent KNHP, mike_pflaum@nps.gov
- 6. Elmore Reese, Main Street Calumet, ereese@mainstreetcalumet.com
- 7. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
- 8. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

Main Street Calumet & business owners Notes:

- 1. Are there landscape management issues related to downtown Calumet that should be considered by the CLR?
 - a. Circulation & Recreation
 - i. Link the various community resources for visitors and residents.
 - ii. Swedetown recreation area is very important – can connections be established between Swedetown and downtown Calumet?
 - iii. Calumet is a great hub for a trail head (x-county ski and mountain bike). Don’t exclude any elements (biking, 4 wheel, snowmobile)
 - iv. Enhance historic character through trails issues
 - v. Copper Heritage Trail includes several groups that have come together to plan trails jointly.
 - vi. NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) is providing assistance to a trails advisory group. Barbara Nelson-Jameson is the contact for RTCA.
 - vii. Calumet Dam – access to loop trail without getting in cars. Anchor look with bodies of water at both ends (Calumet Lake and Swedetown Pond). Develop a jog/walk/bike – non-motorized route with key points

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- as destinations and loops – see RR corridor map yellow highlight.
**show community and municipal leaders this concept
- viii. Paul Lehto applied for funding to further develop a trail system behind IGA & Shopko
 - ix. A walking trail is being implemented around Swedetown pond? (Paul – UP Engineering trail design).
 - x. Create more connections from Agassiz Park to downtown.
- b. Industrial historic character
- i. Mid-Mine Street- clean up – make attractive to visitors and community. This is an area where the scale of the industrial development can be tangible. It is important to have pedestrian opportunities to get close to the industrial structures, since the scale is not well understood from vehicles.
 - ii. Clean up areas messed up by storm (Peter = happy to volunteer; Steve – vegetation management needs to be directed)
 - iii. Vistas that you see – scale of buildings downtown
 - iv. Consider audio interpretation at Osceola #13.
- c. Downtown historic district
- i. Downtown buildings – some deteriorating rapidly, held hostage by property owners who don't take care of them. Can efforts be made to get the buildings temporarily out of private hands—using a revolving loan fund or legal defense fund (or both)?
 - ii. Concern with judge granting right to demolish
 - iii. DDA has served as a reluctant champion by acquiring properties to preserve then turning them back into private hands (Sixth and Elm, Agnes Block and Payne Webber Buildings are examples of this).
 - iv. NPS technical assistance can be very helpful.
 - v. Could NPS seed money be found to help?
 - vi. Consider appropriate use for vacant lots – clean up in short term.
2. How can CLR help to accomplish the community's goals for downtown Calumet?
- a. CLR is key part of NPS strategic planning process. This year KNHP will determine primary resources related to the park. Steve- report should take input, present, distill and identify common ground between stakeholders and NPS.
 - b. DDA is super focused on downtown & reports including a laundry list of goals, challenges, and projects are very helpful when funding opportunities arise. Several entities in the community spend their day to day lives planning for future. It is important to have plans supported by multiple entities in print form, so they can be quickly accessed for projects. Community can get off track a bit when focusing on common elements like Agassiz Park and the RR Corridor. If the CLR can support existing documents, this would be very helpful. (CLR should revisit other reports and synthesize and state common goals and opportunities – support when possible). In this way, the CLR validates the communities continuing efforts.
 - i. Agassiz Park
 - ii. RR Corridor
 - iii. C&H industrial Core – basic landscaping there
 - iv. North of town – Calumet Dam = tremendous opportunities there due to Lions Club efforts. Very active there now.
 - c. Identify ideas most relevant to park visitors.
 - d. Oak between 4th and 5th – have tried three times to get funding for improvement projects.
 - e. Agassiz Park

Thursday, December 8th, 8:00-9:30am, Regional Planning Commission

Attendees:

- 1. Meg Pachmayer, WUPPDR, mpachmayer@wuppd.org
- 2. Steve DeLong, KNHP Landscape Architect, steve_delong@nps.gov
- 3. Brenda Williams, Quinn Evans Architects, bwilliams@quinnevans.com

Regional Planning Commission Notes:

- 1. Meg – byway program is emphasizing non-motorized opportunities throughout the area, but they do not see a big problem with shared user trails.

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