

Community Economy: A Vision for the Future

Minutes for October 4th, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:06am

The Think Tank: Community Economy spent the morning discussing the slides being developed by Michael Lamb and Cassie Pinkel for the October presentation to the Interior Issue Council. Few changes were made. Time was spent discussing the slide labeled "Desired Community Attributes". A numerical system was developed to number the previously identified desired attributes. There are eight (8) listed attributes correlating from 1-8. The number one was assigned to the attribute that the group felt needed the most attention (Energy costs). Eight was given to lack of congestion, in recognition that this attribute needs the least amount of attention in Fairbanks.

A majority of the meeting was spent discussing, then refining, then developing a new tentative vision statement. After much discussion, the following was developed:

"Achieve a prosperous and diverse community economy where available assets and attributes are optimized."

This vision statement was established to give the group direction; it is in a draft stage, and the group is open to alteration. The last part of the meeting was devoted to developing the assets portfolio. The first assets the group will attempt to look at are timber and minerals. The group desires to have an expert from each asset area at a future meeting to offer ideas, suggestions, specified information, and answer various questions about the opportunity, attributes, and considerations columns for each.