



REGULAR MEETING

January 24, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoaglund at 9:08 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Commissioners

Kathryn Eckert, At-Large (via phone from Leland, MI)

Tom Nemacheck, State of Michigan

Kim Hoagland, At-Large

Sue Cone, Village of Calumet

Bob Langseth, Houghton County

Clyde Raasio, Quincy and Franklin Townships

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Frank Fiala, Superintendent

Tom Baker, Management Assistant

Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect

Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services

Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education

Dan Johnson, Quincy Unit Interpretive Specialist

Betsy Rossini, Administrative Officer

John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect

Recording Secretary

Melissa Davis

Guests

Dave Bishop, Ontonagon Historical Society

Bruce Johanson, Ontonagon Historical Society

Jane Nordberg, Daily Mining Gazette

Paul Campbell

Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office

Tom Tikkanen, Main Street Calumet

Dennis Raasio

Clarence Monette

Allan Johnson

Lisa Rouleau

David Kroenke

Steve Albee

Absent: Paul Lehto, Calumet Township

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no objections. (6/o)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Cone and seconded by Raasio to approve the minutes of the Nov. 29, 2005 meeting. Discussion ensued that the motion located in *B. Commission Reports, 1. Partnership Committee*, be amended to include the addition:

“...the suggestions of the Advisory Commission are sent to the Keweenaw Heritage Sites for review, comes back to the Partnership Committee, then to the Advisory Commission for comment.”

Moved by Hoaglund, seconded by Langseth. Motion carried unanimously (6/o).

Further amendments to the Nov. 29, 2005 minutes under *B. Commission Reports, 2. Budget*,

C. Vacancies on the Commission include the change from

“...Frank encouraged the Commission to write a letter stating that they are eligible,” to “...Frank encouraged the Commission to write a letter to the appointing agency stating that they are eligible and support their reappointment.”

Moved by Langseth, seconded by Hoaglund. Motion carried unanimously (6/o).

V. BUSINESS

I. PARK REPORTS:

A. FRANK FIALA, Superintendent

1. **The Servicewide Comprehensive Call:** Fiala distributed a copy of the document consisting of the annual submissions to various funding sources for projects. The park has submitted for \$16 million extrapolated over the next five years in regional priorities. There are four line item multi-million dollar construction projects, part of the five-year plan. Priorities may change from year to year. Fiala also included a ‘OFS’, a staffing or base

budget increase of \$650,000 to establish the park interpretive operation.(see attachment A)

2. **Annual Report for 2005:** the review of park activities. Governs Performance Results Act, goals the NPS reports to in response to the national priorities. (see attachment B)
3. **Park Response to Draft Management Policies** (see Attachment C)
4. **Briefing Statement on Legislation** changes include (see Attachment D):
 - (1) **Acquisition of Property:** removes restrictive clauses on contaminated property and conform to the established National Department of Interior policy on property acquisition.
 - (2) **Amend matching fund from \$4 to \$1.**
 - (3) **Authorization of Appropriation:** Raises ceilings; in 'Financial and Technical Assistance to Owners of Non-Federal Properties.' In Sec. B, strike \$100,000, insert \$250,000. Remove the 50% language in the statutory aid funding. Document needs a briefing statement to explain differences. That will be prepared and sent to the delegation.

Hoaglund said that a business plan will be available by February 8 that includes a justification for the increase in funding. By the end of this week a draft will be made available for the park.

Langseth commented on the Draft Management Policies 2006.

The Commission will write a letter and cc: the park.

B. KATHLEEN HARTER, Chief of Interpretation & Education (see attachment E)

1. **PMIS statements – Junior Ranger Book, Park Handbook for 2008.**
2. **Calumet Self-Guided Walking Tour Brochure**
3. **Union Building Interpretive Displays:** Johnson has completed.
4. **Hiring at the Visitor Center**
5. **Teachers in Historic Places:** will be posted on website.
6. **NPS web overhaul:** intact by mid-April.

LANGSETH suggested that Hoaglund write an article for the paper.

7. **Comprehensive Interpretive Planning Meeting:** Harter will send summaries out by email, Hoaglund said a representative from the Commission will attend some of the meetings.

8. **Unigrud Brochure** still underway.

C. ABBY SUE FISHER, Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical Services
(see attachment F)

1. **Scope of Collection Statement Division Work plan**
2. '06 **Division Work Plan** passed out GPRA handout; **Oral Histories** are being commissioned
3. **Hurricane Katrina assistance** paper records are now dry, and will be delivered to Gulf Island by Fiala.
4. **Fourth Thursday in History 2006:** kicks off this month about the train heist of the C & H Payroll in 1893.
5. **Fourth Annual High School Local History Smackdown:** the press release has gone out to request teams.

D. TOM BAKER, Management Assistant (See Attachment G)

1. **Draft NPS Management Policies 2006:** Baker attended nationwide training session, 'Partners Outdoors 2006,' on January 12, sponsored by BLM and hosted by the American Recreation Coalition, a lobbying group. The program consisted of remarks by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in which she espoused 'greater opportunities for the public use of contiguous public lands in a seamless manner...' and promoted all public lands (BLM, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation) be used in a similar, if not identical way. Her remarks were focused on NPS rather than all federal land management agencies. Her remarks were followed by a panel of agency representatives, private businesses and lobbyists who were urging that we "*change national gems into national gyms,*" a fundamental change to the NPS philosophy. Baker emphasized this to Commission so that in their response to management policies, they address the intent of the Organic Act and the mission of the National Park Service in relation to providing 'boundless recreation opportunities in our national parks.

Congress has held one hearing on management policies, and another is scheduled for February. Remarks from the Commission to the delegation should be made available prior to February.

There will be two more Tel sessions, on February 22 – 23, on "Introduction to Historical Preservation, History and Philosophy." Baker asked that Commission members contact him if they'd like to attend. It runs for three

hours each day and will be held at the Headquarters Park room. The second is on March 3, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and addresses Director's Order 21, "Donations and Fundraising," and covers non-federal partners in fundraising. Tom will email the times and dates to the Commission.

2. **Heritage Sites Criteria** application/review and evaluation documents were sent out and their formal responses are due February 15. The spring meeting is on May 16.

Hoaglund inquired about the Seaman Mineral Museum, and Fiala replied that a meeting will be held with the Smith Group about the master planning document. They intend to begin construction-related activities on the machine shop this summer. They received \$500k in addition to a little over \$1,000,000 for construction.

Hoaglund also asked about the appointments and reappointments to the commission. Fiala replied that they are awaiting a resume from the state before they can submit them. Langseth asked that the Park let Hoaglund know when they are submitted so that any supporting documentation that the Commission would submit would be timely.

Cone asked that attachments be added to the official minutes.

2. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. BUDGET

1. **Approval for outstanding bills:** \$160 to Melissa Davis, recording secretary; \$4,272.14 Gray and Pape; \$10,500 final payment to Andrew Curto.

Nemacheck motioned, Langseth seconded, approved unanimously.
(6/o)

2. **Proposal for Services for Michael Mats**, was received and reviewed

Cone motioned that the Commission continue to work with Gray and Pape, Cultural Resources Consultants to develop a business plan, to work on the comments on the Management Policies, continue to work on Protocols and Guidelines in collaboration with park staff, continue to perform general administrative functions in conferring with the Commission chair, draft and prepare application material, including articles of incorporation and bylaws and applying for 501(c)3 status, and work to develop fundable commission projects, assist in identification of funding support and potential partners and prepare grant applications for those.

Fiala asked for a copy of the proposal. It is still under revision at this time.

Nemacheck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (6/o)

B. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE:

1. **Business Plan:** Hoaglund said the business plan is being worked on and will be completed in two weeks. Langseth said that this will be ready for the meeting with Diana Charles and the legislative staff. Hoaglund mentioned that it will also serve as supporting document for the appropriation request. Fiala asked for an opportunity to review the draft, to which Hoaglund agreed.
2. Letter was received from Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's regarding possible conflict in the wording of the names. Nemacheck mentioned that in tourism marketing sometimes redundancy is the best thing you can have. DeLong clarified that there would not be a park sign specific to the Heritage Center, but rather a sign along the highway directing traffic into the Historic District. He said that if there is a conflict, it could be addressed in further conversation. Langseth said that the Heritage Center wants to put up a sign, and has directed their board to DeLong.

Hoaglund asked that Baker, DeLong and Raasio meet with the board of Keweenaw Heritage Center at St. Anne's to clarify the wording, make a presentation of the future signage. Fiala asked that someone from the Interpretive Division attend as well.

VI. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF

1. Amy Wisti mentioned that congressman Stupak looks forward to working with the park on the upcoming legislation. She received an email of comments from the park on the Management Policies. She will talk to their staff about the push for 'National Gems to National Gyms.'

VII. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. **David Kroenke** suggested that the Commission promote the preservation of architectural items (molding, trim) from within the buildings before they are demolished. He has salvaged some artifacts. He has a foundation on Pine Street, with seven lots, and mentioned that if there are any businesses who want to establish themselves, he would defer their rent for up to two years.
2. **Jane Nordberg**, *Daily Mining Gazette*, asked for an update on the Ripley Smelter Site. Fiala attended a meeting with the Regional Director and the Superintendent of Isle Royale. The decision of the joint visitor center facility has changed. The Regional Director wants the Isle Royale Visitor Center to remain in its

current location. Keweenaw NHP is free to work with anyone to establish a Visitor Center on the North Side. It may or may not be the Ripley Smelter as the main Visitor Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2006 at the park headquarters in Calumet. The rest of the schedule for 2006 is August 1, 2006; October 24, 2006.

Moved by Hoaglund, seconded by Langseth to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (6/0)

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by

Melissa Davis

January 30, 2006