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MEETING NOTES: DNR Interpretation & Education and CLT Officers

DATE: 03/20/26

WHERE: Videoconference

TIME BEGUN: 1:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: DNR to provide guidance on review of Squilantnu Archeological District Plan

PRESENT: Shawna Popovici, DNR, Interpretation and Education Unit Manager, D Story, CLT and J Cadieux, CLT

DISCUSSION:

- Plan should be in our email box today to be downloaded. Large document.
- When she met with CLCC they pointed her in the direction of CLT, David.
- Didn't want the plan to be on broad public display yet.
- This is not for full public comment but rather comments from each stakeholder to be manageable, i.e. from key, contact individuals.
- Implementation and payment are largely on DOT to complete but they don't have to put all these signs in. They only have to meet Section 106 Mitigation for the Sterling Hwy MP 45-60 by Programmatic Agreement with Archeology of DNR because of archeological sites at risk. Mitigation is in form of education. She hopes to include more than less. She wants to include info on fire and fire history but that's not up to DOT. She hopes to achieve 90% of what she is requesting. What's left will be up to the community if it's to be finished.
- We may want to include Mona Painter. She will definitely be included when they determine content.
- Don't have photos or other finishing touches yet. That will be done in final draft and implementation.
- CLT is invited to contribute photos.
- Janette may connect Shawna to Dave Westerman for photos.
- She knows will take time so focus on parts that directly reference CLT or Walkable. Make sure she's got references right.
- If have questions, please make that part of our comments. Questions can be just as important as comments.
- Flushes out themes and potential content. Not to be all-inclusive because that's just not possible.
- Tell more than one story.

- This will be on the bike path and many folks will not see if they're not using the path. This causes some duplication.
- Adobe has good comment tools and can be used for editing.
- Can also print and hand-write notes or put them in a Word doc.
- Ultimately one copy whatever chosen format.
- It's okay if all reviewers don't agree. Just indicate.
- One format/piece is important so that she can more-easily compile all 70 stakeholders who are submitting comment.
- Anything cultural items that are commented upon will be reviewed by Office of History and Archeology (OHA)
- All abbreviations are in a list before table of contents as well as in the first chapter but then acronyms will be used thereafter.
- About 100-page document.
- Should reinforce things you already know.
- If folks want to research, they will know where to go and where to look for more information.
- Archeological digs are referenced but compilation and understanding are years in the future.

ACTION ITEMS:

- DS and JC to review the plan, likely electronically.
- JC to contact Mona Painter about her participation.

TIME ENDED: 1:36 p.m.