

MEETING REPORT

Meeting Location:	National Frontier Trails Museum
	Independence, Missouri
To:	
By:	Julie Lenger and Christy Davis

Meeting Date:	June 12, 2008
Task No.:	
Phase No.:	
Start Time:	10:00 a.m.
End Time:	2:00 p.m.

Attendees:	See attendance list
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This report, if not modified within seven (7) days after receipt by the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area Steering Committee, shall be acknowledged as an accurate report of the events that took place at this meeting.

Meeting Context:	General Management Plan – Phase 2 Heritage Development and Resource Management Plans
Meeting Purpose/ Intended Results:	Introduction to Phase 2 Goals, Introduction to Heritage Development and Preservation Concepts, First Step in Determining Group Decision-Making Processes, Discussion of Heritage Development

Meeting Notes

Judy Billings welcomed all the attendees to the meeting and acknowledged first-time attendees by a show of hands. She introduced Julie Lenger, the new intern for the Freedom's Frontier Heritage Area, and John Mark Lambertson, the executive director of the National Frontier Trails Museum. Lambertson welcomed the attendees and oriented them to the museum. He highlighted the teacher training institute this coming July. The session in July concerns the border wars and is fully booked. Billings noted that the locations for future meetings are posted on the Heritage Area's Website and notices are emailed to all those on the list.

Kevin McDermott with Kansas Logos discussed the Tourism Orientation Destination Signage program developed with the Kansas Department of Transportation and Kansas Tourism. He directed attendees through eligibility and the fee structure for the signage meant for 2-lane U.S. and state routes. He discussed the application kit, which includes information to help applicants decide which type of sign is applicable. The information is also on their website.

Judy Billings introduced Christy Davis, who addressed the topic of Heritage Development and Resource Management. She began by drawing attendees' attention to two articles she distributed as handouts and last month's National Trust Forum Journal, which also addresses the issue of heritage development. She hopes to get permission from the National Trust to put a pdf of the journal on the Website.

Davis updated the attendees on the status of the Management Plan by recapping Phase I. The planning team spent the first three months in a "discovery" phase to gain information and has put that information in its Data Analysis Report. The Vision, Mission, and Values statements, the Statement of National Significance and Best Practices in Historic Preservation are also major products of the first three months planning. These documents are on the heritage area's Website for review and comment. Comments on the Statement of National Significance and the Data Analysis report are due July 30, 2008. Comments on the Best Practices in Historic Preservation are due August 9, 2008.

Davis shared the goals for Phase II, which runs from May-July. The planning team intends to use information from Phase I to develop plans for the heritage area. The Interpretive/Education Plan goal is to develop tools for telling stories. This is the topic for the July meeting that Amy Webb will facilitate. Those attending the July meeting should be prepared to discuss interpretation/education programs that are already working and those they would like to see implemented in the future. Cheryl Hargrove will facilitate the August meeting. The Resource Management and

Heritage Development Plan goals are to identify tools available to assist with resource management, to identify criteria for partnership sites and for prioritizing projects.

Davis shared statistics in the Data Analysis Report collected during Phase I. She discussed how preservation and heritage tourism are intertwined and highlighted tools available for preservation. Davis discussed historic resources already recognized in the heritage area and highlighted the lack of cultural landscape inventories in the area. Davis also discussed what makes a successful historic site and threats to historic resources and cultural landscape. Davis shared data from the Best Practices in Preservation report, which is focused in five categories: education, planning, public policy, advocacy, and tourism. As noted above, the Best Practices are available for review at freedomfrontier.org. Comments are due by August 9.

Davis introduced guests from the states of Missouri and Kansas. Judy Bowman, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Ombudsman in the Kansas City Regional Office, spoke about Missouri DNR which oversees Missouri State Historic Sites, State Parks, and the State Historic Preservation Office. At the request of Ms. Bowman, Richard Ferry, assistant district supervisor for the Northern Missouri Historic District of Missouri State Parks, spoke about the goals and mission of the state parks. Alisha Cole, Missouri Humanities Council, spoke of its goal to preserve memory and collect stories and the resources available to assist museums and historic sites to achieve this goal. Jennie Chinn, executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, spoke about trends and challenges for historic sites and museums and the mission of the Kansas State Historical Society. She focused on the importance of preserving sites' authenticity.

The meeting broke for lunch.

Judy Billings reconvened the meeting by introducing Charles Clark and Emmanuel Northern, trustees of the Heritage Area. Paul Bahnmaier informed attendees that the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Judge Deanell Tacha, received the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award.

Davis then led a group discussion on the decision-making process. She addressed the issue of who gets to help make decisions for purposes of the management plan and presented the Partner Pledge, based on the vision, mission, and guiding principles of the Heritage Area. She then asked for comments.

The following issues were brought up with the Pledge: 1. Verbiage is too site specific; 2. The inclusion of organizational affiliation (i.e. Are we signing as individuals or as representatives of the organization? Can we as individuals speak for our organization?); 3. Switch word "partner" for "member." Davis stressed that this pledge is for decisions about the management plan only and then asked about other qualifications to be a partner.

Suggestions were as follows: 1. Fees; 2. Geographical presence in Heritage Area; 3. Tiered structure based on size of agency; 4. Form must be on file; 5. Only heritage sites, museums, etc. should vote; 6. Must be in attendance; 7. Must have established attendance/no newcomer votes; 8. Simply signing the pledge to act "on behalf of common good" is only qualification

Other concerns included: 1. Has there been any attempt to get the Heritage Area officially recognized by government agencies so that government employees can participate on their agency's behalf? (Davis indicated that this may be an issue the planning team could recommend in the future.) 2. Heritage Area needs partners (KDOT and MODOT) that maybe do not get a vote. 3. Is this a legal entity?/What is the organizational structure? (Sue Pridemore explained the two-tiered structure of heritage areas, one being the Board of Trustees and the other being the grassroots, resident-driven "heritage area.")

Partners are encouraged to sign the Partner Pledge, which will also be available to those attending future meetings.

By consensus, the meeting attendees decided that they were voting as individuals not as representatives of their organizations. They decided that signing the Partner Pledge should not be the only qualification for voting. Davis and Billings agreed to remove the "Organization" blank from the Partner Pledge. The main suggestions for other qualifications were geographical presence in the Heritage Area and presence at the meeting to vote. Due to time restraints, these qualifications were not decided on. Davis urged attendees to e-mail qualification suggestions not already discussed to Judy Billings. These will be further discussed at future meetings.

Davis led a discussion on Heritage Development and Resource Management. Attendees were asked “What needs to be preserved for the Heritage Area to thrive?” Below is a list of items from the brainstorming session on what should be preserved:

- Rivers and Streams
- Prairie
- History/Customs
- Festivals
- Historic Sties
- Place
- Ethnic Groups
- Images/Photographs
- Freedoms
- Regional Transportation
- Stories
- Tolerance with the memory of intolerance
- Family History/Archives
- Food: Potatoes, Spinach, Truck Farming, Farmer’s Markets, Natural Production, Traditional Production, Apples, Catfish, Harvey Houses, Historic Shortages/Sharing, Cash Crops
- Historic Trails
- Language
- Immigration
- Dry Goods Businesses
- Restoration of Lost traditions/customs/etc
- Technology, especially Agricultural and other technologies developed here
- Music: Jazz, Ragtime, Square Dance, Outdoor Concerts, River Songs, Border War Songs, Ethnic Music
- Art: Bingham-Waggoner Estate, Thomas Hart Benton, Plains Indians, Frontier, Quilts, Folk Art, WPA Murals, Literature, Architecture, Poetry, Diaries, Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Aaron Douglas, Mark Twain, Drama, Reenactment, Film
- Churches/Religion
- Industry
- Grange/Populism
- Memory of Vice
- Reform

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Concluding Action Items

Item	Action	Responsible Party
Best Practices in Historic Preservation	Review and Comment by August 9, 2008	Partners and Public
Statement of National Significance	Review and Comment by July 30, 2008	Partners and Public
Qualifications for Decision Making	Send additional qualifications to Judy Billings	Partners

FFNHA June 12, 2008 Attendees

Last Name	First Name	Organization
Altenbernd	Kerry	Black Jack
Atkinson	Lisa	Blue Springs
Bahnmaier	Paul	Territorial Museum Lecompton
Banwart	Connie	Ft Scott
Barker	Deb	Franklin County Hist. Soc.
Beckett	Elizabeth	Clay Co. Hist. Soc. Director
Billings	Judy	Lawrence CVB
Bohl	Carol	Cass Co. His. Soc.
Bowman	Judy	MO DSHPO
Casper	Katie	Fort Scott Tourism
Chinn	Jennie	KS State Hist. Soc.
Clark	Peggy	Osage County
Clayton	Stephanie	JO KS Library
Cole	Alisha	MO Humanities Council
Collins	Cheryl	Riley Co. Hist. Soc.
Coykendall	Jan	Humboldt
Craig	Jody	MARC
Crane	Karen	Merriam CVB
Crites	Emma	Fredonia
Crume	Ann	Lexington, MO
Davis	Christy	Mgmt Team
Davis	Marilyn	Humboldt
Des Planques	Scott	St. Joe Historic Preservation
Duffield	Monica	JO KS Library
English	Jan	Wyandot Nation
Frisbie	Julie	Jefferson Co. Hist. Soc.
Fuller	Janae	Battle of Lexington
Garton	Amy	Overland Park CVB
Groves	Rich	Liberty
Hanson	Kim	Old Depot Museum
Hilliard	Kelli	KS Tourism
Holverson	Ashley	Olathe CVB
Hotaling	Jon	Coffey Co. Eco Dev
Jackson	Jay	Missouri City
Jones	Doug	Topeka
Joslin	Janine	KS Preservation Alliance, Director

Julich	Gordon	Jackson Co. MO P&R
Kelly	Keyta	Leavenworth
Kelly	Art	Civil War Roundtable of Western MO
Lambert	Don	KCMO
Landers	Jack	Jo Co MO Hist Soc
LeBeau	Bryan	KCK Comm College
Lee	Kristi	Franklin Co. CVB
Lenger	Julie	Mgmt Team Intern
Manglitz	Julia	Treanor Architects
Manies	Terry	Baker University
Nichols	John	Miami Co. Hist. Soc.
Nicol	Regina	KS Tourism
Nimz	Dale	Lawrence
Northern	Emanuel	Board
Paris	Tim	Topeka
Pendleton	David	Brown Hotel, Neodesha
Pridemore	Sue	NPS
Radil	Alexis	Mahaffie
Ramsey	Terry	Bushwhacker Museum
Reynolds	David	St. Mary College
Richardson	Joan	Fredonia
Robertson	Eileen	Humboldt
Seley	Shane	Wide Awake Films
Shay	Wendy	Independence, MO CVB
Simms	Lori	MO Tourism
Smith	Tristan	KU Natural History Commons
Toll	Dennis	Manhattan CVB
Traub	Don	Traub Design
Watson	Stephanie	Osage County
White	Debbie	Lawrence CVB
Yoho	Hollie	Woodson County
Zollner	Lynne	Lawrence Landmarks