



Active Living Work Group
Meeting Agenda- June 21, 2013

8a, UERPC Conference Room, 325 Washington Street, Decorah, IA

Attendees: Karla Organist (UERPC), Scot Michelson (DNR), Lindsay Erdman (Erdman Engineering, P.C.), Ann Mansfield (FFI), Dennis Keefe (Winneshiek Medical Center), Ashley Christensen (UERPC)

Unable to attend: Haleisa Johnson (NICC), Elaine Govern (Howard County Trails Enthusiast), Lilly Jensen (Winneshiek County Conservation), Joann Boyer (Palmer Community Health)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. SRTS Liaison Updates
 - a. Preliminary Travel Tally Results
 - i. Numbers slightly down from last year
 1. Weather may have played a role; decreasing numbers could be useful to prove no culture change yet, need for SRTS Liaison
 - b. Liaison Position Funding Update
 - i. Funding through February 2015 (FFI funds, Regional TAP funds, DOT SRTS funds)
 - ii. Beginning to look for funding support beyond February 2015
 - iii. Potentially partner with neighboring regions
3. Safari Update
 - a. Three in region: Winneshiek, Allamakee, Turkey River Recreation Corridor
 - i. Interest in Howard
4. Progress on FFI Year 4 Indicators for Evaluation
 - a. Tracking top indicators- "hone in" on current, rather than add to
5. Other Active Living Updates
 - a. DNR H20: Healthy and Happy Outdoors Program
 - i. "Statewide Safari" of sorts
6. Next Steps
 - a. Trail Counting Events
 - i. To collect consistent data about trail usage in region
 1. Use for Active Living Work Group, Trails Enhancement Committee, etc.
 - ii. Karla is forming a committee, more news to come
 - b. "The Next Safari" Idea
 - i. Keep your eyes peeled for the next active living program we can bring to northeast Iowa
 - c. Others
 - i. Focus on "remote drop-off locations" for future planning
 - ii. Increased interest in natural playgrounds- using nature to form a playground
 - iii. Fishing/outdoor activity opportunities in schools
 - iv. Value of crossing guards
 - v. Pedestrian Crossing options- signs, flags
 - vi.

7. Next Meeting Date- Friday, September 27 at 8a at UERPC in Decorah

NE Iowa is a unique place where all residents and guests experience, celebrate and promote healthy locally grown food with abundant opportunities for physical activity and play EVERY DAY. Healthier people make stronger families and vibrant communities.