

Draft of Meeting Minutes
Northern Lake Michigan Islands Collaborative-Cultural Subcommittee Meeting
Peaine Township Hall
May 3, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Call in number [1-415-464-6800](tel:1-415-464-6800) Passcode 49782#

Attendees: In attendance: Garrett Cole, Alvin LaFreniere, Kitty McNamara, Pam Grassmick On the phone: Wes Andrews, Lee Boisvert, and Terry Bussey

Goals: Subcommittee to begin to address Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as outlined in the Management Plan for State-owned Lands on Northern Lake Michigan Islands.

Action Items:

- Lee to continue to re-work cultural definition for next meeting.
- Develop procedure to control archaeological work and acquisition of artifacts by universities and other groups.
- Wes to send a letter to Michigan Department of Natural Resources encouraging department to adopt federal process to preserve cultural integrity of state held lands and follow federal regulations.
- Wes to provide Cultural Subcommittee references to Cultural Resource Management materials.
- Approach NLMI Collaborative members to embed Wes with the Landscape Level Planning Committee to ensure that ecological and cultural resources are addressed within the context of the landscape.

Minutes:

1. Lee Boisvert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Introductions of those present were made.
2. The previous **minutes** from the April 12th meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted (Alvin/Kitty).
3. The **agenda** which was circulated via email to the subcommittee was approved without modifications.
4. **Report from Action Items:**

a) The Cultural Resource definition developed by Wes for the NLMI Collaborative was discussed related to the need to tie that definition and protection through various federal guidelines and laws for traditional cultural properties and assessing cultural resources. Wes explained how we need to gather information on the cultural and ecological landscape. The landscape includes not only sites but plants, natural features, animals, spiritual places, and more. He explained the need for a different data set for cultural resources information gathering as it may include guidance from spirits which could be human, plant, animal, or place. He felt an intergovernmental programmatic legally binding agreement between the State of Michigan and LTBB is necessary. The consensus was that with modest changes to include stone structures the definition could be adopted, Wes' initial definition would meet the needs of the committee. Wes further explained the tribal boundaries as it relates to the Grand Traverse Bands. Discussion on artifacts removed from Beaver Island by various universities ensued. Wes described the permitting process for LTBB reservation area lands which takes place on state lands-not on private. Adoption of definition was tabled until next meeting. Working draft: *"Sites or objects that have important historical and social significance, including meeting places, documents, objects, **stone structures and stone works**, archaeological sites and historic places. From a tribal perspective cultural resources are places where the lifestyle and culture of the Anishinaabek, past and present, has created some type of importance to the site. These include, but are not limited to fishing and hunting sites, places where spirits inhabit or use, places where specific plants,*

minerals, and rocks are obtained for traditional uses, places where ceremonies were or are performed, burial locations, and places where significant events occurred.”

b) Maps-Kitty presented the group with copies of the BI Historical Society's map. The Archaeological Features map that was sent by Jennifer was also reviewed. It was noted that all the islands are rich in archeological sites and features. Discussion occurred regarding identifying culturally significant areas. There was consensus that maps produced by this group would not contain specific sensitive sites. Wes suggested using the federal guideline of circling an area for what is known as a cultural resource and within that 1 mile radius no disturbance take place on state lands. Wes also explained how view shed should be taken into account for cultural resource effect. Changes in landscape to view shed is considered an impact.

c) Consensus was easily reached that the Cultural Subcommittee should have representation on the Landscape Level Planning Subcommittee to ensure that the landscape planning reflected and took into account this subcommittee's views. Wes was nominated to be a member of the landscape level planning process upon approval of the NLMI Collaborative members.

d) The group felt that when the summer camping restrictions were resolved by the DNR that on Garden Island camping sites should be designated at Northcutt Bay and not Indian Harbor.

New Business:

1. Lee asked the subcommittee their thoughts on providing input into the BI Wildlife Club's Island Management Plan which was submitted on April 30th. Discussion took place on the need for review of compartment reviews, soil type information, USDA aerial photos done 40-50 years ago, Atlas of Early Michigan Forests, Wetlands, and Grasslands by MSU and others to better understand the historical vegetation types across the state. This subcommittee felt at this time that the BIWC's Management Plan should be considered a wish list as it needed further development and plans. No further input was needed at this time.
2. The subcommittee agreed that names and contact information be circulated among members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Grassmick 5/4/2016

Email from Wes Andrews for inclusion on 4/4:

The definition may suit the need for now but may need modification eventually, especially when it comes time to create the protective legal framework.

Also see the definition of 'Traditional Cultural Properties' as follows: is a property, a place, that is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with cultural practices and beliefs that are (1) rooted in the history of a community, and (2) are important to maintaining the continuity of that of that community's traditional beliefs and practices.

This is found in: Cultural Resources Management, Volume 16, 1993. United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

The citation that Lee requested is as follows: Atlas of Early Michigan's Forests, Grasslands, and Wetlands. By Albert Dennis and Patrick Comer. Michigan State University Press, East Lansing, 2008.