

# Voyage Forward

## Journey to Success

### “Quality of Life” Destiny Driver Committee

#### Notes on Meeting May 24, 2016 - Forestland Lower Conference Room

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Attending were Dianne Briggs, Danielle Schermerhorn, Ariel Schmit, Douglas Skrief
  
- II. Brief Review of Voyage Forward and the Quality of Life Driver. Hand outs and discussion on AARP/Blue Zones Vitality Project, including Albert Lea project from 2009. Reviewed “Communities for a Lifetime” concept and divisions of “Improvements to Physical Infrastructure,” “Improvements to Social Infrastructure,” and “Improvements to Service Infrastructure.”  
Review of Koochiching County “Youth Engagement Project: Final Performance Report” followed by discussion on same, noting in particular emphasis on requests for structured activities and drug/alcohol free zones for youth activities.  
The committee reviewed and then filled out a “Dimensions of Quality of Life” chart for the county, adding potential areas of activity in a range of categories of well-being. (The chart is attached.) This can be used as a “parking lot” for ideas generated in future committee discussions as well as a means to identify stakeholders, resources and actions. The committee focused on current community conversations around a need for an intergenerational activity center and developed a list of key stakeholders who the committee will contact and convene for a preliminary discussion.
  
- III. Noted was that the International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will be updating regularly a calendar of community events and is encouraging that organizations consult these listings before scheduling potentially competing events.
  
- IV. A. Noted child care as previous topic. Danielle and Ariel will pursue Koochiching Moms group via FaceBook. (\*Note: This effort elicited nearly 500 members in one night.) Community conversations around need for child care have been met with information from committee members regarding hurdles in providing/licensing same.
  
- V. Next Meeting: Thursday June 16 at 5:30 p.m. Lower Conference Room Forestland Annex, International Falls.