
Moving Toward Prosperity Through

- Information on Economic, Demographic, and Social trends
 - Working with Montana's Communities and Businesses
 - Building Local Capacity for Economic and Community Development
 - Networking and Uniting to Form Common Cause
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Action Items from *Montana on the Move* Steering Committee Meeting

WHEN: From 1:30 AM to 2:30 PM on Tuesday, January 11, 2005

WHERE: Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana

An informal steering committee meeting was held after the **Montana on the Move** legislative luncheon on January 11th. Attendance at this meeting by many key MOM participants (mayors, city managers, chamber executives, etc.) was hindered because of other meetings being held at the same time (including the city managers/mayors meeting that many area chamber executives also attended). However, those who were able to attend discussed next steps for **Montana on the Move**. The group reiterated that MOM's strength lies in its bipartisan, public - private, interregional partnership and its focus on emerging economic trends. MOM can best assist Montana's cities by:

- Continuing to communicate the economic information that Larry Swanson has developed to decision makers and the public.
 1. **Mike Gullede** (Publisher of the *Billings Gazette*) and **Rona Ralf** (Publisher of the *Montana Standard*) will investigate a cost effective way of publishing the **Montana on the Move** summary insert in the newspapers serving Montana's seven largest cities.
 2. **Mike Gullede**, **John Cech** (Dean, MSU-Billings College of Technology), and **Mary Moe** (MSU-Great Falls College of Technology) will ensure that the information is integrated into the Shared Leadership Initiative.
 3. **MOM's** web site will post the summary of five common need and opportunity areas that have surfaced during a number of the MOM community forums held during the past year.
- Assisting in communicating efforts on 2005 legislative issues of mutual concern – local tax options/infrastructure, workforce development, and growth management/planning
 1. **MOM** will develop email groups specific to each issue to share legislative information; **community representatives** should email Jeannie Thompson at rocky@crmw.org the lists of names and email addresses of those interested in each issue area.
 2. **MOM staff** will help compile information on pending legislative actions in the following areas:
 - **Infrastructure and Local Option** – **Kristoff Bauer** (City Administrative, City of Billings), **Joe McClure** (Executive Director, Big Sky Economic Development Authority in Billings), and others with pertinent information will assist.
 - **Workforce Development** – **Mary Moe**, **John Cech** and others will assist.

- **Growth and Planning** – **Matt McKinney** will contact the Montana Association of Planners, **Alex Hansen** (Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns), and others to identify and convey pertinent legislative proposals.
- 3. **MOM** will distribute the information via the email groups to communities to review.
- 4. **MOM** will be prepared to assist in pertinent legislative areas to add its support for desired legislative actions.
- Maintaining focus on community forums and action.
 - 1. **MOM** will continue to assist the Butte on the Move steering committee to develop a follow-up to their November forum.
 - 2. **MOM** will work with interested parties in both Helena and Bozeman to organize “on the Move” events in those communities.