

REBUILDING THE PUBLIC SQUARE
STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2009

The Steering Committee for Humboldt Rebuilding the Public Square met on Monday, June 1, 2009 at the City Hall conference room. Those present were Nila Dickason, Jeremy Weilert, Sean McReynolds, Melissa Hunter, Larry Tucker and Rick Behrens. Also attending was Vada Aikins from the Iola Register. Larry Tucker agreed to take the minutes.

Rick Behrens led a discussion regarding the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation. KHRC would like to meet with us to see if they we can partner our housing plans with business development. Larry Tucker will contact KHRC and invite them to the next meeting.

Action team reports were presented.

- Recreation – Sean McReynolds and Chris Bauer met with the Recreation Commission and shared the goals of the Recreation action team. They encouraged collaboration, visibility and attendance at each others meetings. Larry Tucker reported that the Greater Kansas City Health Foundation grant was turned down (lukewarm).
- Youth leadership – Ask Sarah Hart to invite the co-conveners to the next meeting and discuss a possible summer youth retreat (lukewarm).
- Youth shadowing – Co-conveners are contacting local businesses to see if they would provide shadowing opportunities to match occupations with juniors and seniors at the high school (hot).
- Mission Humboldt – Melissa Hunter reported that volunteers had been assigned to complete recent requests. Follow up and clarification regarding how the volunteer process should work was discussed (lukewarm).
- Business action team. Larry Tucker reported that over 130 local businesses had been identified so far. The action team is completing the list and trying to estimate the total employees working in the Humboldt area. The team goals will be based on the final business and employment numbers (hot).
- Housing – Sean McReynolds reported that the team is looking at the possibility of new senior housing. A developer has met with them and has offered to do a market study to see how many income restricted units could be built and what the local rent would need to be. The team is also investigating the possibility of independent senior housing near Arrow Wood assisted living center (hot).

Rick Behrens led a discussion regarding phase III of the Humboldt Rebuilding the Square process. Terry Woodbury would like the steering committee to decide before the next meeting if it is ready to move on to this process. If approved, the Phase III process would be completed over the next 90 days. See notes attached. Larry Tucker will survey the steering committee on or before June 11th to find out if they are ready to proceed.

The next meeting of the steering committee will be Monday, June 22nd, 6:30 PM at City Hall. The meeting was adjourned.

Larry Tucker