

West Central Neighborhood Planning Minutes

January 7th 2010

Meeting Held At Native Project at 6:30pm

Welcomes and introductions:

Please sign in: *Kelly Cruz, Rhosetta Rhoades, Jenny Mele, Brenda Corbett, Kaye Turner, Jen Hussey, Annette Owen, Melissa Owen, Louise Stamper, Jason Wheaton, Bonnie McInnis, George Craig, Alec Gonzales, Toni Lodge, Don Higgins, Dr. Marcus DeWood.*

Approval of December minutes and January Agenda:

Toni made a suggestion that on previous minutes we correct the minutes to reflect "Indian People met." Brenda motioned and Toni seconded with the correction.

I. New Business:

Kelly distributed a letter to the group suggestion that we update Stakeholders about the planning process. Brenda urged that the letter state Co-Managers or Stakeholder Managers. It was added that the term "co-managers" is no longer used, but a new term has not yet been developed. It was suggested that SWOT be spelled out completely and also to explain what a Stakeholder is. Also it was suggested to title the letter dear neighbor, resident, or property owner.

There was discussion about how to get Absentee Landlords involved in the planning process. It was suggested that we write them a letter as well to keep them in the loop and try to get them engaged. Jason volunteered to help create a database with information from the Assessor's office. This will also let those land owners that there is a chance for a substantial investment as well. It was suggested that we have a mass mailing. While this might add a substantial cost, Toni added that we do have the funds and we have not used them for much. Jason also suggested that Greenstone make a presentation at the next business association which may bring in more people.

It was also discussed that a lot of the planning book has changed and that the planning department is restructuring the book.

II. Housekeeping

No Items

III. Subcommittee Reports:

No reports as the groups did not meet during December. It was announced that Economics will be 1/21/10 @ 6:30 PM. Leadership Government and Citizenship will be 1/28/10 @ 6 pm @ Brenda's House. Social Health will be in February, Students from Eastern's planning department will be there.

IV. Visions and Action Plans:

Rhoretta handed out the lists that we created earlier in the year. We need to start moving towards development and solving and proposing action. At next meeting bring forward some solutions to the issues we have identified, in hopes that we can try to finish in February. We can use our findings and look at assessments done at the last census. We need to work toward all goals by April, lets finalize the committees and their goals now as the whole plan needs to be done by June. Rhoretta shared that Whitworth met with JP Morgan Chase they talked to them about the project with Whitworth and West Central, Rhoretta was asked to write something up, and the JP Morgan Chase Representative wants to come to Spokane to meet with us about possible financing for our activities, which could include Child care, Salem Lutheran and a Business Plan. This could cost \$140,000 to start, part of promise neighborhood grant business plan would help completed. Rhoretta advised that we are looking for funding sources.

V. Adjourn:

George motioned to adjourn and Kaye seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM