



**Visionering Wichita
Environmental Sustainability
Leadership Team
July 22, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Angie Allen, David Lazarus, Elisabeth Skibba, Kay Johnson, Sharon Fearey, Becky Lewis, Yegana Jafarova, Tami Bradley, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Grant Updates:

EPA Climate Showcase Grant: Will not pursue due to short grant deadline.

HUD Sustainable Communities Grant: REAP is taking the lead. There are 5 counties & 5 cities participating. Kay has a 1 pager she will email to Diane. There is a grant committee meeting tomorrow, July 23rd. Suzie will have an update at the alliance meeting.

Kansas Health Foundation Recognition Grant: This might be an opportunity for the alliance.

Defining the alliance, benchmarks:

Tami provided a handout which included the 3 "Spheres of Sustainability" with projects under each section identified, along with potential benchmarks. The purpose of the document is to define what the alliance is doing and how it is operating. At the August 5th alliance meeting each break-out group will write a mission statement for their sustainability area of interest. Project plans for each group from the June alliance meeting will be provided as a handout. Benchmarks need to be measurable and in wording all can understand. The benchmarks must work toward the larger Visionering benchmarks of job growth, per capita income, racial diversity and regionalism.

Alliance Agenda:

- Jack Brown report on WIRE grant
- Review benchmarks
- Breakout groups
 - Mission statement
 - Benchmarks
 - Review June plans & grant projects
- Review breakout work with larger group
- Identify next steps, including work outside the Visionering Wichita meeting

Based on the draft alliance Agenda, Elizabeth indicated she would contact members from WDM Architects to come to the August alliance meeting. Kay said there could be opportunities to leverage matching funds for grant opportunities through the alliance work. In addition, the Economic Environmental group could work toward code and policy changes on a local level.

Next leadership team meeting:

August 26th, 8:30 a.m., the Chamber.