



Visioneering Wichita
Regional Comprehensive Recreation Plan
Preliminary Strategic Alliance Meeting
June 6, 2006
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Allison Hamm, Andy Solter, Brian Bascue, Dave Barber, Doug Kuper, Georgie Root, Glen Dey, Herb Llewellyn, Irene Hart, Janet Miller, Joe Dermid, John Scanlon, Karen Walker, Kathy Sexton, Robert Mendoza, Ron Holt, Scott Wadle, Shane Coelho, Sommer Miller, Tom Jones and Whitney Vliet Ward

Leadership Team: Jennifer Rose, Sommer Miller, Robert Mendoza, Scott Wadle, Glen Dey, Karen Walker, Janet Miller, Andy Solter, Ron Holt, Whitney Vliet Ward, Irene Hart and Allison Hamm

Next Regional Comprehensive Recreation Plan Strategic Alliance Meeting: September 8th, 9:00 a.m., Self-Help Network, 358 N. Main, Kansas Meeting Room

I. Purposes of the Meeting

- Develop a definition of “recreation”
- Review City of Wichita’s process to develop future recreation plan
- Determine next steps
 - Allowing other cities to reflect upon what has been presented today and identify any partnership opportunities at next meeting
 - Continue “who else?” to participate discussion
 - Invitation to join the leadership team
 - Announce next meeting date and purposes

II. Develop a Definition of “Recreation”

At the May meeting, one of the important ideas participants identified was the need to clearly define what recreation is (and is not) in order to know whether the alliance is achieving its outcomes or not. The leadership team met prior to the June meeting to review the recreation factors evaluated in both *Cities Rated* and *Places Ranked* and drafted a definition for recreation. The definition proposed by the leadership team was reviewed and further modified during a discussion of participants. Consensus was reached on the following working definition of recreation:

What Is Included in the Regional Comprehensive Recreation Planning Effort (at this time) ¹ :	What Is Not Included in the Regional Comprehensive Recreation Planning Effort (at this time) ¹ :
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor activities, both passive and active, social and educational, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parks (e.g., skate, dog, playgrounds) ○ Recreation (e.g., recreation center in park and range of activities within, lakes/inland water, boating, fishing, camping, sailing, swimming, skiing, golfing) ○ Open Space (e.g., biking/walking/skating/running paths, community gardens, natural 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining³, shopping (e.g., restaurants, malls, warehouse clubs) • Movie theaters • Amusement and theme parks • Arts & culture (including museums)³ • Gambling • Libraries^{2, 3}

<p>environments and habitats, being in open spaces)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports (professional, college, amateur, youth and adult) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Including auto racing ○ Nature-Related Entertainment (e.g., zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens and arboretums) 	
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Notes:

¹Based upon *Cities Ranked & Rated, First Edition 2004* leisure attributes and *Places Rated Almanac, Millennium Edition, 2000* recreation assets

²Consider future possible usage of community facilities such as libraries, schools and neighborhood city halls/community centers

³Consider connections between these ideas and recreation planning in the future

III. Review of City of Wichita’s Process to Develop Future Recreation Plan

Janet Miller, President, Wichita Board of Park Commissioners and Leadership Team Member and Scott Wadle, City of Wichita Metropolitan Area Planning Department and Leadership Team Member presented on the importance and benefits of parks, recreation and open spaces to communities and the City of Wichita’s planning process to develop its future recreation plans. Some of the aspects of the planning process outlined would include: 1) a speakers’ series to educate the public; and 2) an opportunity for regional municipalities to potentially partner together to obtain citizen input during the planning process in order to develop recreation plans throughout the region. The City of Wichita provided a draft of the request for proposal (RFP) for a planning consultant to oversee the planning process to the Chamber and the Chamber made it available to meeting participants contacting the Chamber requesting the RFP.

IV. Next Steps

Meeting participants discussed next steps and determined the importance of first engaging regional municipalities that were not in attendance at the May and June meetings by making visits to the municipalities to discuss the Alliance and its purposes before launching the Alliance in the larger community setting. The purpose of this next step was to provide an opportunity for regional municipalities, who are traditionally responsible for planning parks, recreation and open spaces, to come together to better understand individual recreation plans and possibilities for partnership opportunities.

In addition, participants were invited to participate on the leadership team. The purpose of the leadership team is to help plan Strategic Alliance meetings and direct the overall process of the Strategic Alliance. Participants at the meeting interested in participating on the leadership team were identified and are listed above.

The next Regional Comprehensive Recreation Plan Preliminary Strategic Alliance meeting will be held on September 8th, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at The Self-Help Network, 358 N. Main, in the Kansas Meeting Room. The purposes of the next meeting will be to follow-up on the visits to municipalities in the region in order to: 1) finalize a definition of “recreation” and; 2) develop a structure and next steps for how to think regionally and act locally (i.e., identify partnership opportunities that would benefit the region while at the same time enhancing individual municipalities’ recreation planning efforts).