



**Visioneering
Unified Legislative Agenda Meeting
August 21, 2008
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Stephanie Knebel, Claudio Ferraro, Nile Dillmore, Jim Grier, Mike Grier, Kurt Grier, Tim Witsman, Andy Schlapp, Tom Bruno, Lorraine Dold, John Waltner, Scott Schneider, Trista Curzydlo, Clay Bastian, Bernie Koch, John Todd, John Stevens, Les Depperschmidt, Amanda Duncan

Next Unified Legislative Agenda Meeting: September 27th, 9:00 am, Dyck Aboretum, Hesston

Benchmark: "The Unified Legislative Agenda Alliance will have a unified agenda that advances Visioneering Wichita."

The Purpose of the Unified Legislative Alliance meeting:

- Review ULA Process from previous years to provide a context for current year
- Based on review outline process for current year
- Clarify questions regarding ULA process

I. Review of ULA Process

Participants reviewed and agreed to several aspects of previous Visioneering Wichita ULA process. No changes were made to the Visioneering Wichita ULA Guiding Principles or the Benchmark Focus Areas.

Visioneering ULA Guiding Principles

- Identify the "pros and cons" of ideas so that we can make well informed decisions
- Elected officials represent their community's will
- Respectful of everyone's opinions, recognizing there are multiple viewpoints
- Need to agree how to communicate the decisions of the alliance, both within the alliance and to external partners
- Maintain a regional focus
- Address Visioneering benchmarks
- Focus on issues not personalities
- Inclusiveness

Visioneering Wichita ULA Benchmark Focus Areas

- Job Growth
- Education
- Per Capita Income

Insights from Previous Successful Proposals

- A person or group identified to carry the issue forward
- Multi-component & multi-year educational processes
- Present return on investment, both locally and for state
- Existing relationships with elected representatives
- Investment of time and resources
- Develop key stakeholders

Protecting our Investments

- Participants reviewed the need to continue to support Visioneering Wichita ULA items that have previously been successful. Several examples were provided regarding the importance of supporting these "carry forward" items.

II. Review Timeline/Process for Current Year

Participants reviewed and updated a timeline for the current year (<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/ULA%20Timeline%20August%202008.pdf>). Participants reviewed and updated the “Preparing for Submission” questions (<http://www.visioneeringwichita.com/minutes/ula/Preparing%20for%20Submission%202008.pdf>). These questions will be due to the Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) on **October 3rd by 3pm**. The two page set of questions will help those developing proposals.

III. Clarify Questions Regarding ULA Process

The meeting closed with participants asking questions regarding the ULA process. These questions were addressed by ULA Resource Team Members or others who have participated the past several years.

IV. Next Meeting Location and Time

Wednesday, September 24th at 8:30 am in Hesston at Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 177 West Hickory Street. See their website at <http://www.dyckarboretum.org/>