

<b>Meeting Notes</b>		<b>West Haymarket Action Team</b>	
<b>2015&gt;ision</b>		<b>April 24, 2007</b>	
		<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	
		<b>Mayor's Conference Room</b>	
		<b>County/City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	
<b>Members Present</b>	Cathy Beecham Wendy Birdsall Dick Campbell	David Landis Mayor Seng Liz Shotkoski	Terry Uland Linda Wilson Lynn Wilson
<b>Members Absent</b>	Mike Dunlap Terry Fairfield Charles Hull	Doug Lienemann Steve Pederson Harvey Perlman	Cori Sampson-Vokoun Amy Tipton
<b>Others Present</b>	Mark Bowen Janny Crotty Ann Harrell Don Herz Lynn Johnson Scott Keene	Tom Lorenz Dallas McGee Stan Meradith Mike Merwick Kent Morgan Darl Naumann	Patricia Owen Kent Seacrest Ken Smith Lauren Wismer Michele Abendroth

### **Welcome and Opening Comments - Meeting Chair**

Tri-Chair David Landis opened the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

### **Acknowledgment of Nebraska Open Meetings Act - Meeting Chair**

Landis acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

### **Review Minutes from April 17, 2007 Meeting - Meeting Chair**

Landis requested that the committee review the minutes from the April 17, 2007 meeting and to note any changes. The minutes will stand as written.

### **Public Comment Period - Meeting Chair**

There were no public comments.

### **Follow Up Presentation Regarding Potential Action Team Subcommittees and Task Assignments - Project Staff**

Harrell distributed a list of proposed subcommittee assignments for the Action Team. Subcommittees include *Legislative and Legal* with Dick Campbell and David Landis; *Arena and Convention Center* with Wendy Birdsall, Steve Pederson, Lynn Wilson and Amy Tipton; *Financing* with Don Herz as staff liaison; *Community Outreach* with Terry Uland, Linda Wilson and Doug Lienemann; and *Historic and Archaeological* with Cathy Beecham. Harrell noted that some of the members have not been assigned to a committee; however, they were asked to contact staff if they would like to be on a particular subcommittee.

## **Action Team Discussion Regarding Subcommittees and Task Assignments - Meeting Chair**

Landis asked the Action Team members for their response on the proposed assignments. All members present expressed their desire to serve on their respective subcommittee. Liz Shotkoski requested to join the Community Outreach subcommittee.

Morgan distributed a draft redevelopment plan process schedule. He stated that the redevelopment plan is driving the process. A draft redevelopment plan will be completed in August. The target date is September 24 to get the redevelopment plan to the City Council. The working phase will be conducted during May, June and July. The community outreach subcommittee will communicate with elected officials and other community leaders as well as formulate an outreach strategy. Staff is in the process of hiring a consultant for the blight study which should be completed in June. An arena and convention center study will also be conducted. A Request for Proposals will be sent out and a consultant selected. Staff is currently underway on an environmental assessment. They are hopeful to have phases 1 and 2 of the environmental assessment completed prior to the redevelopment plan going to City Council. A review of the wetlands and soil is also currently being done. Transportation studies have begun but further reviews need to be conducted. This relates closely to the grading and floodplain analysis. Site design and coordination needs to be further refined. A utilities assessment has begun. Energy issues also must be identified. An archaeological and historical study also will be conducted. Financing strategies will also be defined. Finally, height regulations will be finalized.

Morgan stated that redevelopment plans are a tool to allow the City to use TIF funds. They are not specific, but they do identify budget limits. A boundary is identified as well.

In response to a question regarding the coordination of funding priorities, Morgan stated that Action Team members should contact him with their priorities.

The Action Team concluded that the green building designation should be added to the list of work activities as well as the review of pedestrian access. Morgan stated that he agrees. The transportation component should include pedestrian movement. He will follow-up with Cori Sampson-Vokoun regarding the green building designation.

The Action Team also questioned whether the legal and finance tasks should possibly be combined.

Campbell suggested that the subcommittees have approximately 45-60 days to begin their work. Following that period, the Action Team will meet to be apprised of their progress. Further correspondence could take place electronically with the Action Team as well. Morgan suggested the Action Team meet in early June after the first staff work session the week of May 28<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a new Mayor in place at that time.

## **Other Action Team Business - Meeting Chair**

No discussion took place under this agenda item.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.