

Meeting Notes		West Haymarket Action Team	
2015>ision		June 21, 2007	
		9:00 a.m.	
		Mayor's Conference Room	
		County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street	
Members Present	Cathy Beecham Mayor Beutler Wendy Birdsall Dick Campbell Terry Fairfield	Doug Lienemann Steve Pederson Harvey Perlman Cori Sampson-Vokoun Liz Shotkoski	Amy Tipton Terry Uland Linda Wilson Lynn Wilson
Members Absent	Mike Dunlap	Charles Hull	
Others Present	Mark Bowen Cindy Chapman Karl Fredrickson Ann Harrell Don Herz Randy Hoskins Scott Keene David Landis Jim Linderholm	Tom Lorenz Nick McElvain Dallas McGee Stan Meradith Mike Merwick Kent Morgan Darl Naumann Patricia Owen	Margaret Remmenga Hallie Salem Kent Seacrest Ken Smith Deena Winter Mary Anne Wells Lauren Wismer Michele Abendroth

Welcome, Introduction and Opening Comments - Mayor Beutler

Tri-Chair Mayor Beutler opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. He stated that he is looking forward to being a part of this important process. Those present introduced themselves.

Recognition of New WHAT Tri-Chairs - Mayor Beutler

Mayor Beutler noted that Cori Sampson-Vokoun has agreed to serve as Tri-Chair of the West Haymarket Action Team to replace David Landis.

Acknowledgment of Nebraska Open Meetings Act - Mayor Beutler

Beutler acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Public Comment Period - Mayor Beutler

There were no public comments.

Review Minutes from April 24, 2007 Meeting - Mayor Beutler

Beutler asked the committee if they had any suggested corrections to the April 24, 2007 meeting minutes. The minutes will stand as written.

Report from Community Engagement Subcommittee - Terry Uland

Uland stated that the Community Engagement Subcommittee's charge is targeted toward passage of the redevelopment plan. The redevelopment plan is not the approval of the entire project;

rather, it is a step along the way. They want to use the energy and resources of the 2015 Vision group. There have been many questions centered on innovative ways to gather public comments, specifically using technology and web-based applications to reach a wider range of people. They will make stakeholder presentations in August. The redevelopment plan will be before the Planning Commission in August or September and the City Council in September.

Campbell applauded the group for clearly outlining the seven step process and believes that all these steps need to be emphasized to the public.

Report from Arena and Convention Center Subcommittee - Wendy Birdsall

Morgan stated there are two sources for this work. Part of the work is focused on comments that we need to have better definition on several key issues including the size and seating capacity of the arena. The other focus is on the need for more solid financial information.

Morgan noted that a Request for Proposals was issued recently, and four proposals have been received. The subcommittee will review the proposals.

Campbell asked about the timeframe. Morgan stated that the hope is to have some of the preliminary analysis when the redevelopment plan goes to City Council.

Report from Historic and Archeological Subcommittee - Cathy Beecham

Beecham stated that they were tasked with finding out if there was anything of historic or archeological substance in the proposed area. The main rule is not to dig for digging's sake. They feel there is only one thing of possible historical significance, which is the Immigrant House. They are looking through the records and hope to have the research completed in the next couple weeks. They will meet with the Historical Preservation groups and other interested groups to inform them of the process.

Briefing on Arena Site Visit - Dick Campbell and Staff

Campbell stated that several individuals recently had the opportunity to tour three arenas and spend time and ask questions of the chief staff at each of three facilities.

Morgan noted that there is a summary report providing an overview and comparison of each of the three arenas. He then began a PowerPoint presentation with photos of each of the arenas. The three arenas toured were John Paul Jones Arena on the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville, Virginia; Nationwide Arena in downtown Columbus, Ohio; and Value City Arena on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio. He provided a comparison of the three arenas on market population, seating capacity, estimated cost, facility size, events per year and number of suites of each of the arenas. He also displayed photos of the interior and exterior of each of the arenas.

Campbell noted that one of things he was pleased with is that these arenas have created opportunities at different price points, so everyone is able to participate. He felt there were some good features which met more of what he personally feels will be a community facility.

Other Action Team Business - Mayor Beutler

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.