

Intergovernmental Cooperative Council Agenda
Washburn University Student Union
Vogel Room
May 17, 2011
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

- 1.) Introductions (sign-in sheet)

Old Business

- 2.) ICC Agreement - **Action Item.** Motion to approve as presented.
Tabled from meeting on 4/19/11
- 3.) Distribute/discuss lists from any members **who did not bring lists on 4/19.** The purpose is to discuss the ways we collaborate with other taxing entities.
-How do we share efficiencies and collaborate?
Have received lists from: Washburn University
MTAA
City of Topeka
Seaman
Auburn-Washburn

New Business

- 4.) Value Calculator Model – TSCPL
- 5.) Describe process of planning/collaboration between Shawnee County and City of Topeka to consolidate Parks and Recreation Departments – Councilman Archer

Last meeting until September, 20, 2011.

What have we accomplished?

What should our focus be in September?.....Next Agenda

Ideas for other topics we may wish to research in more detail.

- Any data or research on economic impact each organization has on the community? Dollars spent in Shawnee County with vendors. Payroll.
- What are the core services we provide?
- How are those services funded?
- Does the community realize the extent the core services will be reduced without additional taxes or fees? If not, how can we deliver the message?

Meeting dates:

Sept. 20, 2011

Oct. 18, 2011

Nov. 15, 2011

Next organization to chair ICC – Topeka, USD 501

Intergovernmental Cooperative Council Minutes

Washburn University Student Union

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7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Brenda Dietrich (USD 437)
Norton Bonaparte (City of Topeka)
Greg Inkmann (MTAA)
Sam Carkhuff (MTAA)
Dr. Rob Balsters (Seaman)
Dr. Ned Nusbaum (501)
Commissioner Ted Ensley (SN County)
Rusty Doty (Shawnee Heights)
Dr. Martin Stessman (Shawnee Heights)
Gina Millsap (TSCPL)
Dan Guenther (TSCPL)
Blanche Parks (WU-BOR)
Allyn Lockner – Community Member
Marge Ahrens – League of Women Voters
June Windscheffel – League of Women Voters

The next meeting date is September **20, 2011 at WU Union in the Vogel Room @ 7:30 a.m.**

Old Business:

- ICC Agreement was approved.
- It was suggested we **develop a brochure** that describes the purpose of the organization and the history. There are documents in the 501 Board Office and several individuals currently on the ICC were part of the group that founded the ICC.
- Lists were shared on ways we collaborate with other taxing entities and how we share efficiencies. We should make the lists public and focus on the collaboration aspect. Several periodic press releases would be most beneficial. We should focus on outcomes...How are these collaborations making a difference? How are we leveraging tax dollars? Are we producing a better product? Several of us have public relations staff who can help...perhaps even **develop a template that we can use for the press releases.**

In particular, Ron Harbaugh, Martin Weishaar, and David Bevens were mentioned.

New Business

Value Calculator Model – TSCPL

- Discussion was held regarding how the model is used at the TSCPL. The Digital Services Supervisor uses the software program. Gina forwarded an e-mail to the group with information on where to go to look at the calculator.
<http://www.tscpl.org/about/library-value-calculator/> She also offered the assistance of her Digital Services Supervisor, Michael Perkins, to speak with anyone who would like more technical information.
- Postponed the discussion regarding the process of planning/collaboration between Shawnee County and City of Topeka to consolidate Parks and Recreation Departments.
- Ideas for what we need to **focus on in September...**
Return on Investment....try to apply it to something specific in each of our organizations.

Remind folks why ICC exists. It expedites the collaboration process. We exist to initiate, expedite, and encourage cooperation among local governmental agencies.

Are there strategic objectives we wish to identify, as a group?

We need a specific topic and we need to make everything we do very concrete. If taxpayers are our audience, they want us to tell them what we have done with their tax dollars, and what did it do for them? We also need a way to articulate answers very clearly to the public. From a very practical level, we are all listed on the tax bill our patrons receive and we impact on one another.

Do our collaborations foster innovation?

Are our operations improved as a result?

Next meeting: September 20, 2011