



MINUTES

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Washburn Tech

Attendees: Harry Craig (Co-Chair), Dr Jerry Farley (Co-Chair), Mayor Bill Bunten, John Hunter, Jim Ogle, Bryon Schlosser, Erin Aldridge, Barry Feaker, Marsha Sheahan, Dan Schultz, Dr. Brenda Dietrich, Nancy Johnson, Doug Kinsinger, Jim Parrish, Miriam Krehbiel, Ann MuCullough, Shelly Buhler, William Beteta, Erin Mohwinkle. **Guests:** Eileen Caspers, Christy Caldwell, Michelle Stubblefield

Dr. Farley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jim Ogle moved, Dan Schultz seconding that minutes from July 8, 2011 be approved. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shelly Buhler walked group through the county website, snco.us. Information on this site ranges from number of townships to number of school districts as well as flood plane maps, etc.

Action: Staff to provide committee with levy sheet and responsibilities handout.

Discussions lead to next topic, what role should Heartland Visioning play in the local politics? Buhler excused herself from conversation. Many ideas thrown out:

- Play role of facilitator / convener of topics
- Don't lobby/educate
- Decide on process, make plan before moving forward
- Be deliberate with education, stay inclusive and engage diverse groups
- Leave nuts & bolts to political groups but support the strategic plan topics and goals
- Keep our voice fresh by continuing to listen to the community
- Educate new council and commission
- Develop partnership with government
- Use advocates to encourage others and promote positives
- Reintroduce town hall type meetings for community
- Review charter/find shortcomings

Action: Create a group to look at charter, find shortcomings and hold town hall.

Inter-city visit will be September 15-17, if there are any things you would like those who will be there to ask let staff know. 231.6006 or wbeteta@heartlandvisioning.com.

Next Meeting: Friday September 9, 2011 Washburn Institute of Technology, Conference Center AB.

Meeting adjourned.