



## United Growth Coalition Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 21, 2006 Kent/MSU Extension

Attendees: Cynthia Price, Carol Townsend, Herb Ranta, Paul Haan, Kevin Wisselink, Tom Cary, Mike Williams, Brendie Vega, Marsha Wilcox, Kendra Wills

Call to order at 8:30 a.m. by Herb Ranta

- I. January minutes were approved.
- II. **PMT Report**
  - a. The PMT's idea of hosting four educational workshops/programs in 2006 was approved by the group. The first workshop will be a brown bag lunch at no charge in March to view the "Block by Block" video about neighborhood design concepts. The fall membership meeting (Land Use Networking Luncheon) counts as a workshop. Other formats will be a panel (perhaps on Commerce Centers) and a speaker all over lunch. This is a membership generation/benefit and fundraising concept.
- III. **Composition of the PMT**
  - a. After some discussion a motion was made by Cynthia supported by Paul to reduce the number of committee representatives on the PMT to three people. Unanimously approved.
- IV. **Legislative Committee Report**
  - a. Carol reported that the committee is currently working on draft #6 of the Commerce Center position paper. The committee received comments on draft #5 from five people. One person felt the paper was too strong, one person felt it was too weak and everyone else felt it was just right. Once finalized, draft #6 will be distributed statewide for comment.
- V. **PDR Subcommittee Meeting**
  - a. The PDR Position Paper is posted on United Growth's web site at [www.msu.edu/edu/unitedgrowth](http://www.msu.edu/edu/unitedgrowth). No additional members volunteered for this subcommittee. Kendra was asked to set a meeting date over email.
- VI. **Principles Committee Report**
  - a. Cynthia reported that the meeting was very well attended and that the group determined that the number of United Growth principles should be reduced and more urban-focused principles should be added. Carol reported that the Urban Committee has been working for the past year on finalizing redevelopment principles, which could be added to United Growth's principles. Next month the Coalition will be asked to review the reduced principles (Kevin Wisselink agreed to take the lead on this) and the Urban Committee's redevelopment principles, if finalized. When the principles are completed, the group should think about a public launch, such as a press conference and included in the newsletter.
- VII. **Announcements**
  - a. Cynthia and Tom distributed a flyer on the March Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council conference at Calvin College.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. Submitted by: Kendra Wills