

United Growth Coalition Project Management Team
Minutes for June 9, 2006

Present: Paul Haan, Cynthia Price, Herb Ranta, Tom Cary, Bonnie Shupe, Jon Skiles

Herb called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

May minutes were approved.

The issue of membership was discussed. There was a discrepancy between the number of members on the newsletter, and the number of members on Carol's list. This issue will be resolved at next meeting. Herb suggested that members who no longer attend should be contacted.

All present thought that the new newsletter looked nice.

A letter from Mayor George Heartwell was presented thanking United Growth members for joining the Community Sustainability Partnership.

It was decided that the upcoming events reminder should be mailed soon.

Stories were shared about the Grand Valley Metro Council's Growing Communities Conference. People who had attended agreed that the UGKC break-outs went quite well.

The team agreed that more work needs to be done on the commerce center legislation. The issue will be further discussed at the Coalition meeting.

It was explained that Marsha Wilcox (not present) had created a draft plan for a P.R. campaign for UGKC, with a partial aim of having the county fund PDR's.

Herb presented the Urban Redevelopment Principles. Herb noted that some Urban Committee members felt that the wording could be changed on some of the principles. Cynthia felt that some of the redevelopment principles could be added to the Coalition's combined principles, as was the plan; this will be added to the coalition agenda.

The group felt that the Jeopardy game was not a good idea for quarterly luncheons, and that the time should be used better. We thought it might work well at the fall membership celebration party. However, Carol Townsend had promoted it and she was not present, so it may be revisited in the future when she can attend the PMT.

In the future, the group plans to contact Suzanne Schulz (Grand Rapids City Planner) to make a presentation to the Coalition on the new Grand Rapids Zoning Ordinance. The team felt that she should come in either September or August upon completion of the Zoning draft.

Also, giving out mini grants will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Submitted by Jon Skiles