



A Grand Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

Please complete and email to Nicki Stoltenberg (nickis@grand-island.com) within one week of meeting

Date*Time*Location 6-11-15 * 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM * Tom Dinsdale Auto	Recommendation Number and Name 5.12/#9 & #17 Play, Arts and Entertainment Committee
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Attending: Charity Adams, Perla Alarcon, Tricia Beem, Vince Boudreau, Anita Lewandowski Brown, Ralph Brown, Mandy Burkett, Don Deitemeyer, Jerome Dubas, Steve Fosselman, Jessica Hendricks, Margaret Hornady, Michelle Lubken, Liz McAteer, L.J. McCormick, Brad Mellema, Wendy Meyer, Tammy Morris, Carol Schooley, Norm Sodomka, Natalie Stapleton, Sarah Sugita, Jay & Mary Willhoft, Corinne Ketterling

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/WHO	WHEN	
Grow Grand Island Website	Grow Grand Island website is up and running. A list of the different committees, and minutes are available on growgrandisland.com .			
Building Creative Communities Conf.	There were 14 individuals from the Arts and Entertainment group that attended the Building Creative Community's Conference			
Grow Grand Island	Grow Grand Island is in the process of becoming a nonprofit organization. There will be bylaws created, and an overarching committee will decide which initiatives to fund at what time and help coordinate committees that have intersecting ideas. Once established the nonprofit will find consistent funding and accept donations.			
What is your dream and vision for the future of Hall County?	<p>Events/Performing Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer street festival • Stuhr + CCC+ GILT Event • Summer music/arts festival • Nebraska Shakespeare ballet /classical music • Open mike nights • Focus on improving current events • Sporting challenges • More instrumental performances • Live strolling musicians • Slam poetry • Live Shows • Live performance • Concerts • More arts and music together • Grow prairie lights film festivals 	<p>Venues and Districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive-in movie theatre • Arts = visual, performing (music, theatre), literary • Participation walkway areas with sculptures and outdoor concerts • More art museums • An actual performing arts center • Freedom of expression space/forum • Botanical gardens spaces • Band shell in a park (venue) • Venues with live entertainment • Multi-function public spaces • Arts district • Public art (downtown, S. Locust, entryways) • Public art along Highway 30 		

<p>What is your dream and vision for the future of Hall County (Continued)</p>	<p>Image/Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a paid staff to champion these efforts • Arts & event communication – table tents, website, online calendar w/shared widgets, app, social media) • Media partnerships (radio, tv, newspaper) • Recognition of all arts • Awareness events • Digital & other billboards • One identity • Arts/entertainment meetings • Cooperative advertising • Knowing our local talent • Solicit movie productions • Tie in or play on the word “Grand” • Community beautification • Make art a part of everyday life • Need an umbrella approach to stay on track • Collaborative events to make them larger • GI Sesquicentennial in 2022 <p>Downtown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop downtown: Arts and humanities + housing = people will come • Grand Island downtown like an old market • Walk overhead downtown to 4th street • Old Market, Hay Market (Rail Side) • Street art • Downtown expansion with arts & entertainment • Public sculpture walking tour • Vibrant downtown community • Fine dining • How can we support “arty” shops • First Friday’s – night of art and fine dining 	<p>Cultural Diversity and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied cultural arts for everyone to relate to • Central cultural core surrounding downtown • Culture diversity • Integrated community • Culturally inner connected • Incorporation of different cultures into community events • Monthly cultural event (1st Friday) • Diverse (ethnic) restaurant dining • Cultural tourism <p>Art Incubator / Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists’ colony • Well-known arts “district” • Artistic immigration • Emerging artist coop/center • Opportunity to watch art being made • Art destination for central NE • Makers space (open studios) <p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s museum • Indoor playground • Connect kids and culture • Youth art gallery • Art teachers programs in schools • Expansion of teen activities (teen rec center) • High schools participate in Poetry Out Loud • Celebrate our history • Student discounts downtown 		
<p>Wrap Up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes and the PowerPoint will be posted on the Grow Grand Island website. • Will wait until we are further along before dividing into sub-committees. First time we are all in the same room. • Tammy will email the question above to those who could not attend and include their input. 			
<p>To Do</p>	<p>Everyone was encouraged to seek out other creative communities in the nation or think back to places they have visited that had a strong presence of art and culture, and bring the details and photos if available.</p>		<p>Everyone</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>AUGUST 6TH, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Tom Dinsdale Auto</p>			