



A Grander Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

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1.6	Launch ENGINE – Engaging the Next Generation of Grand Island
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Attending:
 Jay Gnuse, Jack Sheard, Michala Soundy, Jessica Hendricks, Cindy Johnson, Emily Thayer (intern)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION / WHO	WHEN
Welcome	Jay Gnuse, Committee Chair, welcomed the group and thanked them for their interest in leadership development for our community.		
Brief History of Grow Grand Island and Grander Vision	Johnson provided a brief update on GGI and Grander Vision. The group reviewed GGI recommendation #1.6 along with the strategies and goals. Johnson noted that the need for this initiative had been identified during the GGI process by business leaders and others who had participated in the survey (1600), focus groups or Strategic Committee. She stated that there was interest in enhancing and strategically developing the leadership potential in the community. She stressed that ENGINE program is not expected to be a new program or one that competes with existing programs, but it may mean we need to change our existing programs to better serve the future young professionals.		
Target Goals and Audience.	Discussion was held on the target goal of involving 75 young professionals in the ENGINE program. This number can be modified once we have a better understanding of the needs. Branstiter questioned if ENGINE encompasses just Grand Island		

	<p>or Hall County. Johnson stated that there were no parameters and that all was up for discussion. Branstiter suggested that the name be changed as ENGINE speaks to Grand Island.</p>		
Identifying Needs.	<p>Thayer presented information on various leadership programs and civic engagement initiatives. Branstiter noted that there was a report from Indianapolis that would be helpful. It was noted that the Community Foundation was working on a program along the lines of Project ALL in Lincoln – an opportunity to reach out to minority populations and engage them in leadership/board positions.</p> <p>It was recommended to find ways to involve young professionals civically. Annapolis, MD did a study on ways to get millennials involved in politics. We can utilize this study as a point of reference.</p> <p>Jack Sheard recommended doing a survey to see what business / people are looking for and where the current gaps are. He suggested asking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LT past & current classes - YP members - Businesses - CCC students <p>Thayer to continue research in preparation for next meeting. The focus of which is “WHAT IS POSSIBLE...WHAT COULD WE DO”.</p>	<p>Research on other leadership/civic involvement programs (Thayer, and others).</p>	<p>August 25</p>
Discussion on Current Leadership Training/Programs.	<p>Take the existing programs like Leadership Tomorrow, Chambers Young Professionals and Central Community College etc. and determine their strengths and weaknesses to ensure we can improve those programs.</p>	<p>Invite representatives from Central NE Human Resources Association, Doane leadership program, CCC leadership program, LEAD program, YP, State Chamber’s Leadership Program, and Connecting Young Nebraskans to be part of the group.</p>	

Fall Summit	Branstiter reported on the Leadership Tomorrow fall summit scheduled for September. The topic of the presentation is leadership.		
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Next meeting, web site info., other notes, etc.: Next meeting date is Tuesday, August 25 at 4 p.m. at Riverside Golf Club.