



A Grander Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

Date * Time * Location: Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30am – Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity	Recommendation Number and Name: 5.10 – Support the Reinvestment in the Downtown Area
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Attending: Ryan Heavican, Jon Rosenlund, Brad Bell, Linna Dee Donaldson, Katie Bohrer, Cammie Benson, Glen Murray, Dana Jelinek, Tammy Morris, Ashley Rodriguez, Chris Rosacker, Don Smith, Amos Anson, Christie DePoorter, Nicki Stoltenberg

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION / WHO / WHEN
Welcome & Introductions	Amos welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.	
Downtown Redevelopment Study, March 2013	<p>Amos highlighted the housing study that was completed by Alley Poyner in 2013. The study was a part one of a two-phase process funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The study’s focus was on the downtown district as defined by the Downtown Business Improvement District.</p> <p>Several catalyst projects were discussed. Some of which included the renovation of the Hedde Building, Small-Scale Residential Complex and Kauffman Park (see drawing below).</p> <p>Kauffman Park update: Demolition is completed; Staging area for Events; Power for Bands & Performances; Seating Areas & Sun shades; Green Space; Centralized Event Space & Focal Point of Downtown. Completion by September 11th.</p> <p>Downtown office will be moving into its new location in August: 224 West 3rd Street.</p> <p>There is also a combination of streetscaping and wayfinding that is included in the plan as well. The streetscaping consists of components which help to improve the spatial, visual and surface characteristics of the public spaces within downtown. Wayfinding provides direction to specific locations and attractions, or help orient visitors within the downtown.</p>	Nicki will upload the housing study to the Grow Grand Island website – Community Assets; Downtown.

	The plan also included some “Design Guidelines” that could be adopted. Design Guidelines could be a helpful too to insure that the character of downtown is protected.	
Downtown Business Improvement District Update	<p>Christie presented an update on the Downtown BID.</p> <p>Purpose: To encourage business retention, recruitment & downtown investment. Main Street Initiatives; Downtown Promotions; Downtown Public Events; Downtown Beautification; Downtown Maintenance; Create a Sense of Place in Downtown; With the Goal of having a Vibrant and Welcoming Downtown.</p> <p>Christie reported on SEVERAL new businesses downtown, new lodging & residential housing options, businesses that are relocating and several current renovations that are taking place.</p> <p>She also updated the group on the construction at 3rd & Wheeler, as well as the Hear Nebraska concert that is coming-up on July 25th.</p>	Nicki will upload the presentation to the web site.
Grow Grand Island Communication	<p>Nicki encouraged folks to check-out our Social Media pages. They are: Facebook.com/GrowGrandIsland (317 current followers) Twitter.com/GrowGrandIsland (51 current followers)</p> <p>The website is also up and running: www.growgrandisland.com</p>	
Next meeting	We will meet on an ‘as needed’ basis.	



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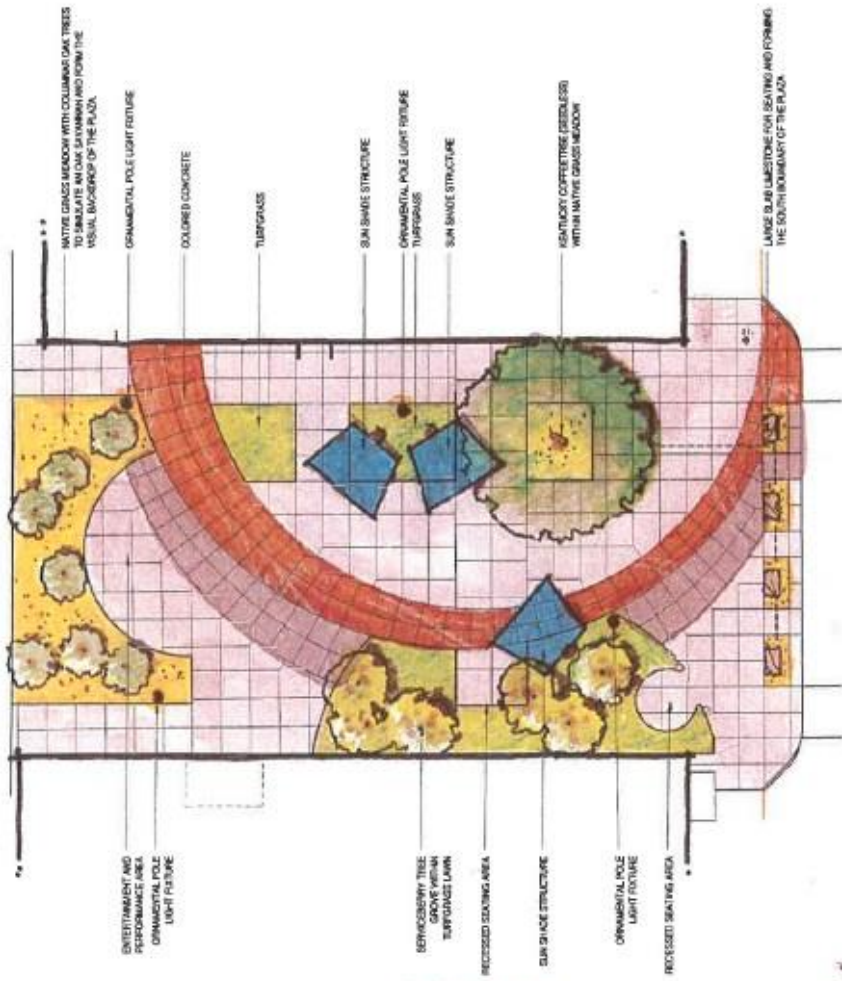
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GRAND ISLAND KAUFMANN PLAZA

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