



A Grander Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

<b>Date * Time * Location:</b> June 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm – City Library	<b>Recommendation Number and Name:</b> 5.14 Strengthening Neighborhoods
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**Attending:**  
Steve Lamken, Cory Schmidt, Steve Fosselman, Jon Rosenlund, Butch Hurst, Layla Crow, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Nicki Stoltenberg

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	WHEN
Welcome & Introductions -Review Minutes	Linna Dee Donaldson welcomed the group and presented the minutes of the meeting held on June 22 <sup>nd</sup> at the public library.	
<a href="http://www.growgrandisland.com">www.growgrandisland.com</a> , Facebook & Twitter	Nicki updated the group on the Grow Grand Island web site, stating it is a work-in-progress and should be live soon. The address will be <a href="http://www.growgrandisland.com">www.growgrandisland.com</a> . She also encouraged the group to find our Facebook and Twitter pages and 'like' them. The pages can be found at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/growgrandisland">www.facebook.com/growgrandisland</a> and <a href="https://www.twitter.com/growgrandisland">www.twitter.com/growgrandisland</a>	
National Night Out Discussion	<p>Crime Prevention Specialist, Butch Hurst, was present at the meeting. He has been a part of the National Night Out program since its inception 20 years ago in Grand Island.</p> <p>National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.</p> <p>National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Grand Island Police Department. This will be the 20th year the Grand Island Police Department has participated.</p> <p>National Night Out will take place from approximately 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Police Department encourages neighborhoods, organized or unorganized, to take part in this worthwhile community event. This could be the perfect opportunity for neighborhoods to organize a neighborhood association or watch group.</p>	

	<p>Our GGI committee will assist in the promotion of the event. With National Night Out designed to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community it fits with the goals of this committee too.</p> <p>Last year a total of 15 Grand Island neighborhood groups participated in this event. Our group set a goal of 25 neighborhoods participating in 2015. The Police Department also set a goal of being “seen on scene” at all registered National Night Out events. In addition, the Fire Department will visit neighborhood gatherings upon request.</p> <p>Butch explained how folks are encouraged to register their event before Friday, July 31, so appropriate arrangements can be made. As part of the registration process, arrangements can be made to have neighborhood streets barricaded off during the time of the National Night Out awareness event.</p> <p>Registration forms are available at the Police Department, online on the front page of the city’s website or by emailing Officer Hurst at <a href="mailto:churst@gipolice.org">churst@gipolice.org</a>.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we explore the possibility of a Proclamation at a City Council meeting.</p> <p>GITV also produced the following video to promote the event:  <a href="http://grand-island.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&amp;clip_id=716">http://grand-island.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&amp;clip_id=716</a></p> <p>The communities of Hastings and Holdrege hold events that we may want to review. It was also suggested that the GIPR group might be able to help cross-promote the event.</p>	
<p>Strategies /Goals for 2015 &amp; 2016 / Review GGI Recommendation 5.14</p>	<p>We ran out of time before we could complete the Objectives worksheet. &lt;&lt; See attached. &gt;&gt;</p> <p>We did, however, commit to promoting the NNO event (as documented above) and set a goal for 25 neighborhoods in the year 2015.</p>	

**Next meeting, web site info., other notes, etc.:** July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm – Community Meeting Room @ City Hall

## Grow Grand Island Implementation Grid: Community Assets

Recommendation	Objectives	Year/Goals
<b>Encourage neighborhood associations to enhance community safety, host community activities/ festivals, and reduce crime.</b>	Conduct neighborhood assessments to help identify neighborhood strengths, weaknesses, & opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage follow-through &amp; provide support for the implementation of action steps that develop as a result of the neighborhood assessments.</li> </ul>	
	Promote National Neighborhood Night-Out; August 4th.	<b>2015 / 25 Neighborhood Celebrations</b>
	Strengthen the relationship between neighborhoods & emergency responders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train residents in the use of crime reduction strategies, such as the formation of neighborhood watch or block groups.</li> <li>• Neighborhood Contact Cards.</li> </ul>	
	Develop a process by which neighborhood groups can help local governments prioritize local infrastructure projects, such as roadway improvements, sidewalk installation, upgrade to catch basins and other items.	