



A Grand Vision for the Heartland

Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

Date*Time*Location 8-6-15 * 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, Sharena Anson, George Bartenbach, Joe Black, Anita Lewandowski Brown, Ralph Brown, Don Deitemeyer, Christie DePoorter, Jerome Dubas, Kara Faber, Steve Fosselman, Craig Hand, Kevin Hendrix, Margaret Hornady, Ron Jelinek, Michelle Lubken, Liz McAteer, L.J. McCormick, Brad Mellema, Tammy Morris, Pam Price, Carol Schooley, Matt Schultz, Georgene Smidt, Natalie Stapleton, Nicki Stoltenberg, Bruce Swihart, Curt Vodehnal, Dianne Willey, Jay & Mary Willhoft, Jennifer Worthington

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHEN
Goals of this group	Create a community where arts and culture are a part of everyday life in Hall County by supporting the development of artists, venues and activities for all ages. Growth process: 1. Communication 2. Collaboration 3. Doing 4. Funding. There will continue to be ongoing meetings to come up with new ideas, even when current ideas are accomplished.		
Developing the identity of GI	Former men & women of the year discussed Grand Island's identity being the railroad, cranes, veterans, and the city of kindness. This group should be invited to a meeting		
Kaufman Plaza Update	Creating a space that can be utilized for events over the weekend and an area for people to eat lunch during the week. There will be sun shades, music during lunch, and events over the weekend.		
Prioritization of ideas: What would you like Grand Island to look like in 5 years?	<p>Immediate Priority (10-20 dots)</p> <p>Events/Performing Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer street festival (12) <p>Image/Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a paid staff to champion these efforts (26) • Arts & event communication – table tents, website, online calendar w/shared widgets, app, social media) (11) • Public art/ Public sculpture walking tour (downtown, S. Locust, entryways) (22) <p>Downtown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Island downtown like an Old Market, Hay Market (Rail Side) (21) <p>Venues and Districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drive-in movie theatre (10) • An actual performing arts center (16) 	<p>Cultural Diversity and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporation of different cultures into community events (11) <p>Art Incubator/Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Incubator / Education Overall Category (12) 	

Intermediate Priority (4-9)**Events/Performing Arts**

- Live Shows (5)
- Concerts (9)

Image/Marketing

- Image/Marketing Overall Category (4)
- One identity (8)
- Cooperative advertising (6)
- Collaborative events to make them larger (8)

Downtown

- Downtown Overall Category (8)
- Develop downtown: Arts and humanities + housing = Businesses and people will come (related to staff) (8)
- Vibrant downtown community (9)
- Fine dining (9)
- First Friday's – night of art and fine dining (9)

Long Term Priority (0-3 dots)**Events/Performing Arts**

- Events/Performing Arts Overall Category (1)
- Stuhr + CCC+ GILT Event (3)
- Summer music/arts festival (1)
- Nebraska Shakespeare ballet /classical music (1)
- Open mike nights (0)
- Sporting challenges (1)
- More instrumental performances (2)
- Live strolling musicians (0) (Move to Downtown)
- Slam poetry (0)
- Live performance (0)
- More arts and music together (1)
- Grow prairie lights film festivals (0)

Downtown

- Walk overhead downtown to 4th street (2)
- Street art (0)
- Downtown expansion with arts & entertainment (0)
- How can we support "arty" shops (0)

Venues and Districts

- Botanical gardens spaces (5)
- Venues with live entertainment (6)

Cultural Diversity and Engagement

- Central cultural core surrounding downtown (4)

Art Incubator / Education

- Emerging artist coop/center (6)
- Art destination for central NE (4)

Youth

- Children's museum teachers (8)
- Indoor playground (4)
- Celebrate our history (6)

Image/Marketing

- Recognition of all arts (0)
- Awareness events (2)
- Digital & other billboards (1)
- Arts/entertainment meetings (0)
- Knowing our local talent (2)
- Solicit movie productions (0)
- Tie in or play on the word "Grand" (0)
- Community beautification (0)
- Make art a part of everyday life (0)
- Need an umbrella approach to stay on track (1)
- GI Sesquicentennial in 2022 (3)

	<p>Long Term Priority (0-3 dots) Continued</p> <p>Venues and Districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts = visual, performing (music, theatre), literary (2) • Participation walkway areas with sculptures and outdoor concerts (1) • More art museums (2) • Freedom of expression space/forum (0) • Band shell in a park (venue) (2) • Multi-function public spaces (2) • Arts district (2) • Public art along Highway 30 (1) • Stolley Park Arboretum (0) • Sucks Lake Arboretum (0) <p>Cultural Diversity and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied cultural arts for everyone to relate to (0) • Culture diversity (0) • Integrated community (0) • Culturally inner connected (0) • Monthly cultural event (1st Friday) (2) • Diverse (ethnic) restaurant dining (0) • Cultural tourism (2) • Ethnic Festival (Added after meeting) <p>Art Incubator / Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artists' colony (1) • Well-known arts "district" (2) • Artistic immigration (2) • Opportunity to watch art being made (1) • Makers space (open studios) (2) <p>Youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Overall Category (2) • Connect kids and culture (0) • Youth art gallery (1) • Art teachers programs in schools (1) • Expansion of teen activities (teen rec center) (1) • High schools participate in Poetry Out Loud (3) • Student discounts downtown (0) 		
<p>What's Next?</p>	<p>Between now and Christmas, the arts and entertainment group will focus on education. The group will partner with different organizations and schedule them to come to a meeting and present about different arts and entertainment opportunities. Jerome Dubas will present at our next meeting on October 1, 2015. Tammy will invite the former men and women of the year to attend the next arts and entertainment meeting.</p>		

<p>Next Meeting: October 1, 2015</p>

Volunteer Hours: 70