



A Grand Vision for the Heartland

## Grow Grand Island Arts & Humanities Committee Meeting

<b>Date*Time*Location</b> 12-7-17 * 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM * Tom Dinsdale Auto	<b>Recommendation Number and Name</b> Arts and Humanities Committee
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Attending: Tricia Beem, Charity Adams, L.J. McCormick, Karen Neppi, Carol Schooley, Georgene Smidt, Susan Hauptmeier, Steve Fosselman, Susan Nickerson  
 Presenter: Steve Fosselman, Reinvesting in Arts & Humanities: Renovation Project at Edith Abbott Memorial Library

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHEN
Introductions	The group introduced themselves and made announcements. The community calendar will be part of VisitGrandIsland.com (CVB website) and GrandIslandVibe.com. This site will collect and republish events posted to Ticketmaster, Eventbrite and Facebook pages. The calendar will officially launch in January and tutoring will be offered. It is uncertain how arts & humanities will be found.	None	n/a
Presentation: Steve Fosselman, Reinvesting in Arts & Humanities: Renovation Project at Edith Abbott Memorial Library	<p>History: The library opened in 1884. Prior to that there was literary societies and music societies that formed the nucleus of the GI Public Library. In 1903 it became the Carnegie Library and in 1974, it became the Edith Abbott Public Library.</p> <p>Today the Library intersected its strategic plan with Grow Grand Island initiatives. The library campaign will include physical books, electronic books, an art alcove, MakerSpace, education, meetings, technological hub, cultural center, etc.</p> <p>There was a downtick of reading literature, partially due to not having the book mobile. However, it has continued to be steady. Literature is still of interest, and is now accessible in other ways at the library.</p> <p>The new renovation project will be a MakerSpace for the entire community with the following enhancements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Front entrance will push out for a shorter walking distance with space in front for two future sculptures.</li> <li>- Urban garden will have a seating area that is ADA compliant.</li> <li>- Three circle areas outside will be a story-walk that is interactive for children and parents rather than sitting areas</li> <li>- Moves from passive to active and intentional learning center form of activity.</li> <li>- Coffee and vending, but not cafeteria service. People who book spaces can use a caterer or outside food.</li> <li>- Teachers and students will use spaces, summer reading program, Mobile MakerSpace for elementary students.</li> <li>- Great meeting space for up to 150 people.</li> <li>- Command central will be staffed to assist groups, individuals, etc. using the MakerSpace and technology areas.</li> <li>- High tech equipment in the MakerSpace with training necessary for usage.</li> <li>- No fee for room usage. Study rooms don't have to be booked and are first-come, first-serve. When there is a consumable item (printing, copies, etc.) then there is a fee.</li> <li>- Grant funds will assist with staff to oversee the space during the learning curve to be assessed for future need.</li> <li>- More technical opportunities. Genealogy section will remain.</li> <li>- Estimated completion is May 2018. It is possible the library will close for a couple days to lay carpet.</li> </ul>	None	n/a

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Tom Dinsdale Auto, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Community Meeting Room

Volunteer Hours: 22.5 hours