

Date * Time * Location: Tuesday, July 14th at 4pm – City Library

Recommendation Number and Name: 5.16 – Enhance Cultural Engagement & Understanding

Attending: Sarah Salman, Audrey Lutz , Amanda Levos, Steve Anderson, Mandy Burkett, Iona Grundman, Liana Steele, Betty Frausto, Shawna Alloway, Huraiya Adhora, Stephen Geng, Yolanda Nuncio, Steve Fosselman, Lisa Avila O’Connor, Rob Czaplewski, Julie Hehnke, Karen Rathke, Tammy Morris, Dee Price, Jocelyn Schade, Steve Lamken, Maria Lopez, Sondra Barrera, Carlos Barcenos, Nicki Stoltenberg

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION / WHO / WHEN
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Carlos welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves. Participants also reviewed the minutes of the May 12th meeting.</p> <p>Tammy Morris discussed the Grand Island Community Foundations Cultural Engagement committee. This group is much more focused and came about as a result of the foundations accreditation process. They are looking at a program called Project A.L.L. The mission of Project A.L.L. is to increase diversity in community decision-making. Project A.L.L. also provides education to community organizations and agencies about the recruitment and retention of traditionally under-represented groups and the benefits of diverse leadership.</p>	Carlos Barcenos / Tammy Morris
www.growgrandisland.com , Facebook & Twitter	<p>Nicki presented the GrowGrandIsland.com web site and thanked the Chamber and the Convention & Visitors Bureau for their collaboration in this effort. All of the meeting content, leadership contact info., will live on the website. The objective of the site, today, is to make sure that members of the community feel comfortable joining our efforts at any time during the process. We will also look into getting the Grid translated and adding a meeting calendar to the site. It is definitely a work-in-progress.</p> <p>The Facebook page can be found at: www.facebook.com/GrowGrandIsland As of the meeting date, we had 205 followers. The Twitter page is www.twitter.com/GrowGrandIsland.</p>	<p>Nicki Stoltenberg</p> <p>Nicki will look into getting the GGI Grid translated.</p>

	Nicki encouraged the group to find these social media outlets and share them with others. We currently have approx. 500 folks involved in the Grow Grand Island project.	
(cont.) Group Discussion: Cultural Engagement & Understanding Key Barriers & Concerns: What concerns you the most about living in our community? What could be the biggest issue in the future? Are we missing any opportunities? If so, what are they?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather information on business skills, 'How to Start a New Business' workshop, seminars, etc. • Look into translating Building Codes • Keep neighborhoods 'healthy' (ie housing, safety, adequate street lighting, etc.) • Communication barriers; close the language gap <p>The conversation then took a turn when someone indicated that we truly don't have any 'problems' to solve. We just need to become a more inclusive community. Inclusive meaning that we need to build a more respect and support system amongst each other. This is somewhat currently happening at the City Library, Super Saver and Wells Fargo bank. Amanda Levos with GIPS has some ideas and Nicki will schedule a time to 'chat' with her (ie levels of inter-cultural competency).</p> <p>It was also mentioned that we should explore more opportunities to simply 'spend time together. (ie Multi-cultural Farmers Market).</p> <p>It was also suggested that we go through a Current Assets and Obstacles exercise (education, activities/events, housing, workforce, etc.). Tammy Morris did this with the Arts & Entertainment GGI Stakeholder group and it was really helpful as they moved to determine their goals and objectives.</p> <p>Our group is a 'Coalition of the Willing.'</p>	<p>Carlos Barcenas</p> <p>Nicki will meet with Amanda Levos w/GIPS.</p> <p>Visit with Tammy about Asset Inventory exercise.</p>
Strategies / Goals for 2015 & 2016	See conversation above.	
Schedule next meeting	We hope to meet every 6 weeks. The next meeting date/location will be shared with the group upon scheduling. Other dates for your calendar: National Night Out = Aug. 4 th & Ethnic Festival = July 31 – Aug. 2	