



Grow Grand Island Committee Meeting

Date * Time * Location: July 27 th @ 7pm – Community Meeting Room at City Hall	Recommendation Number and Name: 5.14 Strengthening Neighborhoods
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<p>Attending: Steve Lamken, Cory Schmidt, Steve Fosselman, Jon & Becky Rosenlund, Michelle Fitzke, Gene Dominick, Harold Rosenkotter, Eshan Sood, Joe Cook, Patrick Buettner, Julie Hehnke, Linna Dee Donaldson, Nicki Stoltenberg</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome & Introductions -Review Minutes	Linna Dee Donaldson welcomed the group and introductions were made.	
Review Minutes, www.growgrandisland.com , 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 www.growgrandisland.com . She also encouraged the group to find our Facebook and Twitter pages and 'like' them. The pages can be found at www.facebook.com/growgrandisland and www.twitter.com/growgrandisland . We currently have 341 followers on Facebook and 51 on Twitter.	
National Night Out Update	Chief Lamken reported that as of Friday, we had 12 neighborhoods registered for the event. The deadline is Friday and we expect to get a few more. Last year, 15 neighborhood groups participated in this event. Our group set a goal of 25 neighborhoods participating in 2015. The Police & Fire Departments are planning to attend several events that requested their presence.	
Strategies /Goals for 2015 & 2016	<p>Chief Schmidt shared information about the smoke alarm campaign that was a joint initiative with the Red Cross. They installed approx. 280 alarms during their 1st event and are hoping to finish the neighborhood canvas on September 19th. Additional volunteers are needed during installation day. Nicki will reach-out to the GGI – Neighborhoods, Cultural Engagement and possibly the Housing group to see if those folks are interested in assisting at this event. It was also suggested that we contact Howard and Lincoln schools prior to the event.</p> <p>We talked briefly about Neighborhood Watch programs and looked into a virtual neighborhood watch program called NextDoor.com.</p>	Nicki
Next meeting: Fall, 2015		