

Heartland Healthy Neighborhood

March 9, 2009 at 11:45

Southwest YMCA

Present: Barb Lundquist, UW Volunteer Center; Michelle Schulte, YWCA; Gary Caruthers, Shawnee County Medical Society; Glea Ashley, VALEO; Jack Gray, YMCA; Jamie Hancock, KSU Extension; Jim Ogle, WIBW-TV; Joe Hodgson, YMCA; John Homlish, Community Action; Larry Hinton, United Way; Linda Crawford, Capitol Federal Bank; Lisa Martin, KSU Extension; Madhvi Jayarao, Stormont-Vail HealthCare; Melissa Thompson, Topeka Community Foundation; Mike Wilson, USD 501; Nancy Johnson, CRC; Ralph Krumins, Wachovia Securities; Shelly Buhler, Shawnee County Commission; Linda Voss, City of Topeka; and Rosemary Menninger, Common Ground.

Nancy Johnson welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Gary Caruthers discussed the Clean Air initiative.

Linda Voss, City Traffic Engineer, showed direct safe route maps to all the local elementary schools in the community. She discussed the 50-50 sidewalk program and their ramps. All new sub-divisions are to have sidewalks and ramps. Traffic counts and additional information is available at the KDOT web site.

John Homlish requested everyone's support regarding First Tee, a youth golf program.

Jim Ogle presented a PowerPoint regarding the obesity epidemic and the Complete Street initiative, a public policy with emphases on multiple modes of transportation.

After the presentation, a conference call was held with a Wichita YMCA representation regarding their recently held Complete Street workshop. The cost is around \$5 – 7,000 for the conference. HHN still has some initial money but an additional grant would be needed to fund such a conference. The group briefly discussed and made the decision to continue with planning.

Lisa Martin gave a report on the Score Card and said more information would be forthcoming.

Gary Caruthers made a suggestion that lunch would be provided since this was a lunch hour meeting.

The meeting ended with a reminder that the next HHN meeting would meet on April 13, 2009 at 11:45.