

# **Heartland Healthy Neighborhood**

**June 8, 2009**

There was an awesome attendance of 33 guests who participated in our June meeting. The attendance sheet did not get completely around during the meeting so we were unable to name all of the individuals who attended.

Nancy opened the meeting by giving a format what would go down for the Complete Streets Seminar on June 22, 23 and 24 the leadership group was very excited about the completion of the plans and where the Complete Streets concept would take Topeka and Shawnee County.

Jim Ogle reported that he was going to do a film presentation that would be available at different times to remind the citizens of the Complete Streets Concept. The film presentation would involve 6 different infrastructures. Kaw Valley Cycling group wrote a letter of support.

A report was given on the Clean Air initiative.

Score Card sent out 8,000 registrations. They had a pre-registration at the Library and signed up 200.

Joe gave a report on the progress of Strong Kids.

Wednesday Farmer's Market was drawing a wonderful crowd and Capitol City Wellness was doing a great job with the additional presentations and their First Friday fitness activities. Their count was not totally accurate, due to interruptions and people asking questions, but they were seeing crowds of approximately 3,000 as an average on the Wednesdays. Dianna requested people to supply information about their different agencies to promote the community collaboration.

Rosemary Menninger gave her report on the visioning of Common Ground as a small advocacy group that has promoted community gardening in Topeka for several years. It is affiliated with, but independent from, Southern Hills Mennonite Church; these is no religious content to its work, and Board members include members of the community at large.

VISTA Volunteer, Wendy Pearson, will be expanding children's involvement in each of the garden through weekly activities that offers hands on gardening education to teach children and youth the opportunity of learn how to grow their own food.

Marianna Northern volunteered to help with picking up a Complete Streets presenter at KCI.

A HHN Community Grant Committee volunteers are: Madhvi Jayarao, Chair, Rep Horsey, Co-Chair, Julie Prideaux, Karl Fundenberger, Larry Hinton, Marianna Northern, Misty Slater, Roberta Wirth and Rosemary Menninger.

Thank You Lisa Martin for the contribution of a cook book for the Door Prize. Marianna Northern was our winner.

VISTA volunteer Dianna prepared a meal of a salad bar for lunch.