

# Heartland Healthy Neighborhood

**Sept. 14, 2009**

Present: Bob Hedberg, Connie Christy, Ed Serrano, Gary Caruthers, Gilberto Chabarria, Jack Gray, Jennifer Church, Jim Ogle, Joe Hodgson, John Homlish, Karen Peterson, Willie Lambert, Larry Hinton, Linda Voss, Lisa Martin, Madhvi Jayarao, Marianna Nothern, Max Wilson, Mike Bradley, Mike Allen, Nancy Johnson, Ralph Krumins, Roberta Wirth, Shelly Buhler, Tammy Austin, Tim McManus, Dennis Bosley, Web Garlinghouse, and, Amanda Aller.

Clean Air: Gary Caruthers explained that speakers and letters needed to be sent to Council members encouraging them to vote in favor of the Clean Air Initiative. There are two public hearings: Sept. 21 and Sept. 28 with a public hearing and vote being taken on Sept. 29. T-shirts, posters and cards were available for the group to take.

Complete Street Initiative: A task force was appointed to start drafting the resolution/policy. Members are: Jim Ogle, Joe Hodgkin, Tim McManis, Tammy Austin (or a USD 501 representative) and Karen Peterson. Tim is the chair.

Topeka Community Grant Request: Both Strong Kids and Score Card were chosen to move further on the grant request.

Strong Kids: Joe Hodgson reported there are three locations: SW YMCA starts Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and is full; Downtown YMCA is Sept. 16 and North YMCA is Sept. 17 (both still have slots available).

World's Largest Workout: Alice Weingartner announced there would be a meeting immediately following the HHN meeting. will chair a committee to work out the details.

\$5 To Override: Joe Hodgson announced that the state of Kansas had given \$15,000 in kind services as a match for the Bike Way Study; thus, HHN had \$1,190 raised through \$5 to Override. The Leadership Committee had voted to give the money to Capital City Wellness for their bike racks. Jennifer Church told Joe this would be used as a match and the new bike rack should be installed by December.

Outdoor Summit: Jennifer Church reported that the Kansas Built Environment and the Outdoors Summit would be held at the Capitol Plaza, October 1-3 and registration could be made at [www.krpa.org](http://www.krpa.org). Mark Fenton and Dr. Richard Jackson, two nationally recognized experts on creative methods for making communities healthier and more livable, are the headline speakers.

Chamber of Commerce Intra-City Visit to Davenport, Iowa: Jim Ogle reported on the trip and discussed their bike and trail system. He said there were many participants who took bikes and many participants walked. Davenport is much further ahead of Topeka with Complete Streets.

Monthly meetings – will be held the second Monday of the month at the SW YMCA at 11:45 a.m.

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