



Community Resources Council of Shawnee County, KS, Inc.

**Board of Directors**

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010

**Location: Washburn Institute of Technology, 5724 SW Huntoon, Topeka, KS**

**Members Present:** Karen Peterson, Esmond Alleyne, William Beteta, Sherri Gibson, Tom Harkness, Joe Hodgson, Dr. Roxanne Kelly, Lenora Kinzie, Sherry Lundry, Lisa Martin, Don Perkins, Akilah Scott

**Staff Present:** Nancy Johnson, John Castello, Sylvia Hopper, Linda Wakefield

**Guest:** Vann Anderson

Karen Peterson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:17 p.m.

Karen again welcomed new board member Esmond Alleyne and member introductions were made.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the February 2, 2010 Board Meeting were motioned for approval by Don Perkins and seconded by Roxanne Kelly. Minutes were approved.

### **Financial Report**

Nothing outstanding to discuss. Tom Harkness made a motion to accept the February financial report and Roxanne Kelly seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Executive Director's Report**

- 'The Block' project is progressing. Two focus groups have been conducted and the third group is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. The first group was very enthusiastic while the second was a little more subdued. See written update for more details.
- Shawnee County Progress Report. The GeoWise online tool has been purchased, however the check has not been cashed to date. John Bartholomew of GeoWise has been very helpful. Dan Mauer of Klik Kreative is soliciting page sponsorships. The anticipated go live date is April 2010. See written report for more details.
- Award of Excellence for non-profits. Nancy displayed a few of the initial ideas/mock-ups for the event logo. She will work with her sister on a final design. Governor Parkinson has been contacted to speak. Anita Wolgast has agreed to serve as Honorary Chair. Jim Ogle (WIBW), Rio Cervantes-Reed (City of Topeka), Bob Archer (City Council) and Dan Schemm (Chamber of Commerce) have agreed to help develop award criteria. Coalition building will be a major focus for the awards. The event will be held at the Ramada on October 25, 2010 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ramada is underwriting the cost

of the event room. See written report for additional details. **Please plan to attend this event.**

- 2010 CRC Directory is available. TARC was very easy to work with on this project. Linda Wakefield is now out selling and the first day results have been good. Board members were given a copy of the directory.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- **Executive** – Met on Feb. 16, 2010 to plan March meeting.
- **Membership** – Waiting for results of final Block focus group to decide direction. Nancy Johnson suggested that this group might want to combine with New Funding group.
- **New Funding** – Working on awards event. They are considering the charge per person at \$25.
- **Marketing** – Has the business card developed and ready for distribution.
- **Board Development** – No new report.

Committees were encouraged to meet and also reminded to complete the strategic planning form. It was suggested that these forms be placed on CRC webpage.

### **Old Business:**

- March 25, 2010, Heartland Visioning will hold its next session at Chase Middle School, 5 – 7 p.m.
- News about Google City/Topeka, Kansas has been reported on numerous outlets including CNN. There was a very good turnout for the downtown redevelopment meeting.

### **New Business:**

- United Way. CRC's request was submitted to UW on January 6, 2010 and the thinking was that CRC would not need to present before a panel. CRC was notified that they should plan to present on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. As it was short notice, already scheduled plans and meetings had to be cancelled to attend this meeting. Nancy Johnson, Sylvia Hopper, Lenora Kinzie and Lisa Martin attended the panel. There were questions about MAACLink, MAACLink payment schedule and quality control issues. They had no additional questions after the panel met. United Way's marathon appropriations meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Announcements and Adjournment**

- Monies in the Wenger Fund with Topeka Community Foundation will remain with TCF.
- \$500 donation will be sent to Project Topeka.

Motion for meeting adjournment was made. William Beteta moved and Tom Harkness seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 6, 2010.

Minutes prepared by Lenora Kinzie, Secretary.