



**Visionering Wichita
Environmental Sustainability
Leadership Team
June 24, 2010
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Dane Baxa, Elisabeth Skibba, Yegana Jafarova, Brian Meier, Angie Allen, Sharon Fearey, David Lazarus, Kay Johnson (via phone), Tami Bradley, Courtney Crane, Suzie Ahlstrand, Diane Longfellow

Grant Opportunity

Climate Showcase Communities Grant:

Dane & Kay provided information on a Climate Showcase Grant (summarized below.) This would be an opportunity to fund projects. The deadline is July 26th. Dane will write the grant and send out to the leadership team for input. *Leadership team will meet at 2:00 p.m. on July 8th prior to the next alliance meeting to work on the grant application.*

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities to compete for financial assistance through the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program. This program will assist local and tribal governments in developing plans, conducting demonstrations, and implementing projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while achieving additional environmental, economic, public health, and/or community benefits. The overall goal of the Climate Showcase Communities program is to create replicable models of sustainable community action that generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.

[Request for Proposals \(RFP\) \(PDF\)](#) (29pp, 1454k)

[RFP Questions and Answers - Dated June 21, 2010 \(PDF\)](#) (6pp, 324k)

Review June 10 meeting/notes

The alliance has identified job growth and per capita income as their key benchmark. All activities the alliance works on needs to drive improvement in these areas. Report from workgroups:

Business:

- Working to find common ground with GreenBiz
 - GreenBiz is a network working to grow business
 - Visionering is educating and encouraging sustainability & going green.
 - Visionering is the starting level then move to GreenBiz
- The group can begin scheduling presentations with other Visionering alliances taking the bigger message of the Environmental Sustainability Alliance.
 - Focus is communicate & educate

Built Environment

- Much of what they are working toward involves policy change
- Grant project ideas
 - Transportation, energy audits
 - Demonstration projects
 - Work with local hardware stores – perhaps discounts on energy saving items

Social

- Working to locate community gardens
 - Suggestion to search “Community Supported Agriculture” on the internet
 - Possibly put something in neighborhood newsletters
 - www.GoPlayKansas.com, is a recreation website started by the Visioneering Recreation Alliance that uses GIS data
 - Perhaps community gardens could be another layer on this website

Natural Resources

- Projects from this group are a more natural fit for the grant
- Perhaps the grant could fund someone who updates the www.greenwichita.org

Expanding Networks

The group decided the alliance needs to get more focus before expanding their network.

Alliance Agenda

- Grant Updates
- Overview of Downtown Master Plan
- Review/Recap
- Breakout Sessions
- Report Back

Next leadership team meeting:

Prior to alliance meeting, July 8th, 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber.