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**Visioneering Wichita
Older Adult Alliance
Meeting Notes ~ October 11, 2011**

Attendees: Cathy Landwehr, Annette Graham, Mary Corrigan, Robert Schmidt, Laurel Alkire, Michael Stienberg, David Babich, Judy Stengel, Tom Byler, Steve Hinds, Pat Healy, Wynn Ponder, Diane Longfellow

Utilities Conference

Operation Energy Save, the AARP utilities conference, is Thursday, October 27th from 3-7pm at the WSU Metroplex. Once the proposed agenda is finalized it will be emailed to the alliance. Several alliance members are planning to have an exhibitor booth. Setup will be at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to educate consumers on home energy efficiency.

Walkability of Neighborhoods Initiative

Dan Burden will be in Wichita November 28 & 29 for a Walkability Audit to be held on Nov 29th. Since this event has an aging focus the neighborhood selected must have a large senior population. Annette Graham has worked with Scott Wadle, WAMPO, and Dave Barber, City of Wichita, to select a neighborhood. Schweiter East meets the criteria. Annette will contact the neighborhood association director to update her on the event and get her support. There is a church in the neighborhood that would be a good meeting location. Since it is important to have the Mayor, City Manager and City Council support, Cathy Landwehr will contact the city about adding this event as an agenda item for the council workshop on Nov 29th. Whether or not that happens will determine if the Walkability Audit is held in the morning or afternoon.

Dan Burden will visit the area the day before to determine the route. Depending on needs of participants and weather, transportation may be necessary.

Maren Turner, AARP, will:

- Coordinate with Dan & his schedule
- Print schedules
- Coordinate meeting space – cover costs
- Provide necessary equipment needs and supplies
- Media outreach
- Invite their members in the neighborhood
- Coordinate transportation needs
- Refreshments

Alliance members will:

- Put together a list of stakeholders that should be invited

Livable Plains Initiative Update

They are continuing to build partnerships. REAP has applied for the HUD Sustainable Communities grant. Wynn Ponder and Annette Graham have participated on the task force responsible for writing the grant. There may be funding opportunities for the Livable Plains Initiative if REAP is awarded the grant. Regardless of whether or not the grant is received, the group is determined to continue working toward a regional plan.

Next Meeting:

November 8, 3:00 p.m. at West River Plaza, 2622 W Central, 3rd floor conference room.