

Quality of Life Committee Notes
September 27, 2006

The Quality of Life Committee met at 1:00 p.m. at the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Community Room.

Present were: Mark Dunn, Wayne Waddleton, J.J. Hollie, Phyllis Grandgeorge, Jane Ainsworth, Susie Cardwell and facilitator Henry Luke.

Susie Cardwell will provide updates monthly of Vision Partners who have adopted Strategies. Foundation teams will follow up with Vision Partners to encourage setting Benchmarks and Action Steps for the Strategy adopted and beginning implementation. When multiple Vision Partners have adopted a Strategy, one of the partners should take the lead to get the group together to develop Strategy benchmarks and action steps in accordance with the Strategy Committee process outlined below. The Foundation team will expedite this process if required for each priority Strategy and the Foundation team and Vision Partner and will keep Susie Cardwell informed throughout the process.

Susie Cardwell will invite individual Vision Partners who have not adopted Strategies to training sessions to learn how to adopt Strategies, set Benchmarks and develop Action Steps. There will be two sessions per month, one in the morning; one in the afternoon at set times. The Foundation Team may want to help with this by assigning a Team Member to each Priority Strategy. The Government Foundations has done this.

Susie Cardwell will be primarily responsible for communicating Vision 2020 progress. See Private Sector Leadership Strategy #2. She will begin a quarterly newsletter, The Vision View, with the first edition mailed October 2nd.

The suggestion was made to give specific examples of out-of-the-box examples of Action Steps that demonstrated support of the four Key Benchmarks. Wayne suggested referring to Vision 2020 and specific Strategies in advertisements and communications by Vision Partners. He will set an example with DETCOG.

Committee leaders will recruit committee members for each Strategy and hold meetings as described in the Strategy Committee process that follows.

Process for establishing a Committee of Vision Partners to implement a strategy:

1. Review Key Benchmarks
2. Understand the specific Strategy to be implemented by this Committee.
3. Describe current activity on this Strategy and 3 most critical impediments to implementation.
4. Committee begins the process of setting a Benchmark for measuring success for the Strategy. Foundation Team reviews for alignment with Key Benchmarks.
5. Committee begins to develop Action Steps.

6. Develop a list of missing potential organizations to be Committee Members and make assignments for recruitment.
7. Elect Committee chair and set date and agenda for future Committee meetings.
8. Complete Committee Benchmarks and Action Steps.

Each Committee Member/Vision Partner will:

- Adopt at least one Action Step
- Set a Benchmark (goal) for achieving the Action Step the Vision Partner has adopted. Committee as a whole reviews all individual Benchmarks for alignment with Committee Benchmarks.
- Develop Action Steps for achieving their Benchmark.
- Begin to implement its Action Steps.
- On a regular basis, “review, revise and refocus” Action Steps as required to meet Benchmarks.

Continuing Activities:

- The Committee will meet for review and coordination purposes as needed—maybe quarterly or every six months, depending on the Strategy.
- The Foundation Team will encourage, facilitate, and assist as required to accomplish each Strategy.

Mark Dunn will take with Paul Parker about the Recreation Master Plan being coordinated by Infrastructure Foundation or Quality of Life Foundation. Issues include county-wide facilities; not just facility construction but operations including programming, marketing and security; state and federal parks in Angelina; use of Sam Rayburn Reservoir.

Wayne Waddleton raised the question of should the three mentoring Strategies all be in one Foundation.. He will attend Thursday’s session on mentoring to bring this up.