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Governance and Decision Making

Meeting Minutes

2/21/2007

West Junior High School 401 Clinkscales Road

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Co-Facilitators: Tim Klocko

Support Staff: Marilyn Starke

Attendance: James Robert, Tin Bernskoetter, Peg Miller, Ron Tooley, David Webber, Larry Schuster, Larry Grossmann, John Schultz, John Clark, Tim Klocko, Mahree Skala, Doug Simmons, Nancy Harter, Jo Sapp, Elizabeth Kerry, Tracy Greever-Rice, Bruce Wallace, Khesha Duncan, Kelly Jo Woodson, Alyce Turner

Absent: *Elaine Blodgett, Jon Dudley, Elizabeth Holden, Jordan Marlon, Trisha Lee, Maria Oropallo*

Next meeting: March 21, 2007

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

Corrections offered and accepted; minutes approved.

I. Key Meeting Discussion Topics

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Facilitator, Jo Sapp attended training and has been selected.

Jo Sapp reviewed last meeting activities and discussion topics.

Reviewed Subtopics developed last meeting and offered some description of what the intent of the topics was:

Citizen Involvement - More groups from the community involved with government and government being open to the community by way of open communication.

Structure - What needs to change about our current government and community systems to make Columbia a better community?

Responsiveness – A healthy relationship of give and take between citizens and the government with each having the opportunity and platform to exchange information and there is honest and sincere interest in the process by both groups.

Question was asked; how do neighborhood associations fit into these subtopics? It was thought that, depending on what the issue about neighborhoods is, it could possibly fit into any of the subtopics.

It was pointed out that new idea topics are not to be introduced at this point, the time to introduce new idea "topics" has passed. The group needs to focus on the idea topics from the existing list.

Tim suggested to the group that most ideas on the idea sheet can fit into one of the subtopics we have chosen.

It was stated that these groups give us the opportunity to propose some preliminary plans to the process, since we have limited time we need to be careful not to get bogged down in making list and segregating the ideas into categories but rather focus on the outcomes we want to accomplish.

The group is responsible to give the ideas that have been presented consideration and work on ideas, strategies, policies, procedures that will lead to change and positive differences in the form of meaningful and specific goals/suggestions.

The Groups read their goals:

II. Motions and Votes

(Summarize any motions and state the vote outcome)

III. Actions to be Taken

Participants were asked to take home and complete the Preliminary Strategy Participant Worksheet. Each participant is to develop strategies, policies that would be needed to achieve the goal created this evening.

Group was encouraged to review the Fact book developed by the consultant.

Marilyn will distribute all three goal statements to each participant.