

Community Advisory Group (CAG)
for the
Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan Committee
Minutes from December 11, 2006 Meeting
Urban League of Nebraska Family Resource Center

Todd Davis (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality), Jonah Deppe (League of Women Voters), Kara Eastman (Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance), Tina Gray-Ventry (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), Reid Steinkraus (Douglas County Health Department), and Cheryl Weston (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition) were in attendance.

The committee members discussed in which direction to take the committee. Ms. Weston asked if it was the opinion of the group that the committee be moved under the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA) and chaired by a board member from OHKA.

Ms. Deppe stated that because OHKA is in a coordinating role, it would make sense for the committee to move under OHKA. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA has already been working off of the committee's comprehensive plan matrix. Ms. Deppe stated that the membership of the committee would remain the same and open to any interested person.

Ms. Eastman suggested breaking up activities listed in the comprehensive plan to form additional committees to hone in on certain activities, such as the newly formed housing committee. Mr. Steinkraus suggested identifying which activities to break out of the comprehensive plan. Ms. Deppe suggested forming a legislative committee. Ms. Eastman stated that the OHKA board has formed a small legislative committee, which is determining the limits of such a committee under a non-profit organization.

Ms. Weston stated that she would like to encourage EPA involvement with the committee.

Ms. Weston suggested gathering additional input from committee members not present at the meeting before providing the CAG with recommendations. The committee agreed to solicit input from the entire committee membership via email. The committee agreed to present recommendations at the January CAG meeting.