

Community Advisory Group (CAG)

for the

Omaha Lead Site

Comprehensive Plan Committee
Minutes from January 8, 2007 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), Teresa Hunter (Family Housing Advisory Services), Mia Price (Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance), Jennifer Rawley (MFG, Inc.), and Cheryl Weston (Lead Safe Omaha Coalition) were in attendance.

The committee continued discussion from the previous meeting regarding recommending moving the committee under the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA). Ms. Weston stated that the committee has taken the comprehensive plan matrix as far as possible under the CAG. Ms. Weston stated that it is time to begin implementing activities listed in the comprehensive plan matrix through OHKA. Ms. Deppe added that it was always the committee's intention to move under OHKA, as stated in the comprehensive plan, and this is the appropriate time to make the move.

Ms. Price asked if there were any conflict of interest concerns to consider before moving the committee under OHKA. Ms. Weston replied that conflicts of interest are not anticipated. Ms. Weston stated that it has always been envisioned that, at some point, the CAG would dissolve and OHKA or whatever 501(c)(3) entity that was established would remain to implement the comprehensive plan. Ms. Eastman added that OHKA is the comprehensive plan. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA will use the comprehensive plan matrix to create a strategic plan for OHKA. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA will always welcome community input.

Ms. Price stated that, at times, concerns have been expressed regarding Union Pacific Railroad's involvement with OHKA. Ms. Price stated that the appearance of a conflict of interest should be avoided. Ms. Weston stated that organizations working on the committee will remain independent entities. Ms. Weston stated that she believed OHKA's purpose to be collaboration. Ms. Weston stated that Union Pacific Railroad should not influence OHKA or any other organization.

The committee agreed to recommend to the full CAG at the next CAG meeting that the committee move under OHKA to begin developing and implementing the comprehensive plan matrix. The committee agreed that public input and participation should still be encouraged.

Ms. Weston suggested that future meetings alternate between day and evening times.

Ms. Price asked if the current membership will remain the same. Ms. Weston stated that anyone is welcome to participate on OHKA's committees. Ms. Eastman stated that she hopes any interested people will join the committee. Ms. Eastman stated that OHKA's committees are informal working committees.

The committee thanked Ms. Price for her attendance.