



**NECC Strategic Plan**  
**Goal Team 1: Develop a Comprehensive Campus in Downtown Lawrence**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 26, 2014**

**Attendees:** Donna Bertolino, Brad Buschur, Noemi Custodia-Lora, Beth Donovan, Frank Dushame, Mary Farrell, Nancy Garcia, Lane Glenn, Cheryl Goodwin, Dick Goulet, Mike Hearn, Martha Leavitt, George Moriarty, Wendy Shaffer & Lori Weir

**Absent:** Rich Brown, Pat Demers, David Gingerella, Ellen Grondine, Bill Heineman, Dawna Perez, Jean Poth & Magdalena Suarez-Shannon

**Committee Updates**

**Lawrence Backfill-** Dick Goulet & Martha Leavitt

- Dick and Martha will co-chair the Lawrence Backfill Subcommittee.
- Lawrence Backfill subcommittee to schedule first meeting this week.
- Dick and Martha will send names of committee members to Beth Donovan, and Beth will create a sub-committee space on the strategic website to post meeting minutes, dates, progress, etc.
- The sub-committee will think broadly about immediate needs and long-term opportunities for space in Lawrence and will work on breaking out the low cost short term projects that can be accomplished quickly and the long term projects that will require funding.
- The sub-committee will make recommendations and provide updates to the larger goal team one at the next meeting.

**Goudreault Lot-** Dick Goulet

- Goal to have lot open for the El Hefni grand opening. Finishing the lot is weather dependent. There is a meeting with the contractor later this week to discuss next steps.

**MassWorks Project-** Brad Buschur

- Brad shared design plans for alleyway improvements which includes paving of Common St. lot.
- Kick off meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Budget is approx \$900K.
- Brad would like to bring on a landscape urban design specialist to help with urban campus design. Many practical issues to discuss as project moves forward. The alleyways also have to function as a service alleyway. How to avoid attracting skateboarders, graffiti, etc. Urban design specialist would look at benefits of street art and vegetative walls to help with some of these issues.

**Goal One Budget-** Lane Glenn

- Goal One project list as of right now. Items in bold may have a budgetary need associated with them that will need to be included in the goal one FY15 budget request. These projects will be added to the next goal one meeting agenda and discussed in further detail at that time.

1. El Hefni Allied Health Center– small punch list almost wrapped up. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
2. Goudreault lot – Funded through foundation. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
3. **Lawrence Backfill – will need to be included in goal one budget request.**
4. 420 Common St – HEP building. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
5. Amesbury St –All has been grant funded. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
6. Public Safety Center - requested 350,000 through the state for study money . Will know more next week. If goes forward will be planning on money from A&F not college this year.
7. **YMCA – Not sure if there budgetary need through the goal one team. Noemi will find more on 2/28. Team will discuss in further detail at next goal one meeting.**
8. **MassWorks Project – Small cost for Groundwork Lawrence anticipated. Lane will include in goal one budget.**
9. Sidewalks & Trees –Hoping the city will help with these. Martha said that Jim is planning on discussing with Mayors office but would like to wait until snow removal is complete. Dick anticipates cost to be nominal if we need to split this expense with the city. He would have funding in his property maintenance budget to cover costs. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
10. **Potential Housing Project – Lane is not sure how quickly this will get off the ground. Goal one team may need to budget for this. Open question at this time. To be discussed at next goal one meeting.**
11. Lawrence partnership –Private funds, no budget request anticipated through goal one team.
12. **PK-12 – All projects were included in dept budget request. Lori to talk with Ellen to see if any budget items would be better suited in the goal one budget. Follow-up discussion at next goal one meeting.**
13. iHealth – No budget request anticipated through goal one team.
14. Riverwalk – George and David working on partners to occupy space and help with costs. No budget request anticipated through goal one team.

## Other

- Lawrence partnership (Lane) – Committee did not meet recently because of snow cancelation. Next meeting scheduled for March. Subgroup meeting this week to work on non profit set up. No new updates right now.
- Lawrence Public Library (Brad) - Mayor highlighted the city's priority to improve the Lawrence Public Library. They are looking at it as a cultural library and hub for city. Brad suggested it might be worthwhile to see if there is a potential to develop a relationship to help with both library projects.
- NECC Library (Lane) – The NECC library plans are shovel ready. Cost just under a million dollars. Jean and Lane working on corporate and private funding.
- Lawrence Community Relations Position (Lori) – Silva is leaving. Who will be taking over her responsibilities and how should we handle additional crossover community and PK-12 projects that have come up. Lane thought this was an excellent point. He will discuss with Bill and get back to Lori and team at next goal one meeting.