



NECC Strategic Plan
Goal Team 1: Develop a Comprehensive Campus in Downtown Lawrence
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2014

Attendees: Rich Brown, Noemi Custodia-Lora, Beth Donovan, Frank Dushame Mary Farrell, Nancy Garcia, David Gingerella, Lane Glenn, Cheryl Goodwin, Ellen Grondine, Bill Heineman, Martha Leavitt, George Moriarty, Jean Poth, Wendy Shaffer, Magdalena Suarez-Shannon & Lori Weir

Absent: Mike Hearn & Pat Demers

Welcome

- The goal one committee will meet weekly on Wed mornings from 8:45-10am at 420 Common St. for the time being.

El Hefni Allied Health Tech Center

- Successful opening of the El Hefni Allied Health Tech Center –Special thanks to IT for a job well done.
- Working on opening the Marjorie E. Goudreault lot as soon as possible. This is the lot across the street from the El Hefni Allied Health Tech Center (former registry of deeds lot).
- The CPAC office to be moved from the Dimitry building to their new location in the El Hefni building soon.
- Jean Poth working on completing the donor wall
- El Hefni grand opening scheduled for March 21st 11:00am. Festivities will include ribbon cutting, a short program, tours, and a light lunch.

The Hub

- 420 Common St. will now be known as the “Hub”
- Bookstore is now open on 420 Common St. Bank and food service operations forthcoming.
- 2nd floor of 420 common still under construction. Bill would like to add assessment lab. Lane’s ambition is to add 4 yr. partner, potentially Salem State to this floor
- Storage available in basement of 420 Common for those who may need it
- Jean working on signage with marketing dept.

Dimitry Building

- Many backfill requests are being received. The goal one committee will discuss identifying and prioritizing these requests at the next goal one meeting.
- The new library is shovel ready, just waiting for funding.
- Dimitry building maintenance projects will require funding. The goal one committee will need to help prioritize improvements. Donor money may be required.

Marjorie E. Goudreault Lot

- The former Registry of Deeds lot will now be referred to as the Marjorie E. Goudreault lot. This will be a dedicated lot.
- The Goudreault lot will include 62 spaces, lighting, guard shack, walkway, fencing (matching Franklin St. new fencing). Special thanks to foundation for their help making this happen.

Lawrence Regional Public Safety Center

- City of Lawrence needs a new police station – Fire and Police training currently inadequate.
- NECC submitted letter the Governor's A & F office requesting a few hundred thousand dollars for an architectural study for plans to develop a regional public safety center.

YMCA Partnership

- Noemi in process of working to expand partnership with YMCA Lawrence.
- Looking at increased collaboration and different ways we can collaborate (i.e. professional development, civic engagement projects, gym facilities)

City Projects (Alleys, Parking Lots, Sidewalks, Signage etc.)

- Mass Development grant will kick off Feb 13th. Work to begin early summer 2014 with anticipated completion in spring 2015. This project will cover improvements to the connector to Essex St., Common St. parking lot and the alleyways behind 414 and 420 Common St.
- In discussion with the City of Lawrence to fix buckled sidewalks, remove old large trees and replant smaller ones.

Lawrence Partnership

- This is a new business led (non- government) committee that will work on planning and evaluating the economic health of the City of Lawrence.
- The first meeting was held in the Summer 2013
- The committee is now looking for investors. It will be business led (not led by NECC). A board of directors will be developed.

Other

- Funding for college has left us in a difficult spot. Funding has increased in Higher Ed, but decreased at NECC. NECC is in discussion around keeping control of our fees. We will be looking at increasing fees and the potential of adding a facility fee.
- Constructive feedback on evacuation plan improvements can be sent to David Gingerella.