



Board Meeting Draft Agenda
Tuesday, June 24th 12:00 to 2:00pm
Community Foundation, Larkinville

I. Roll Call

- **Andy, Jay, Rebekah and Rick are not present.**

II. Alliance Organizational Issues

- **Approval of Agenda and March board meeting minutes.** Adopted and approved.
- **Treasurers Report**—budget update (AW & KK)
- **Cara-** \$5500 total available but \$4500 is allocated for strategic planning. Cara proposes the foundation allocate the dollars to the end of the year and correct the fiscal calendar. Two allocations total for this year to get us on Jan 1. The Alliance will receive \$4000 on July 11th.
- In the end there will be \$4500 total for meetings and \$4500 total for strategic planning. Cara will submit to committee for approval.
- Ryan is reminding everyone that we will be phasing out 10% a year. Separate from Grow funding and strategic planning.
- The amount requested for the next year could change.
- **Bob-** would like a quick financial report so we can see where everything is going.
- **Ryan-** starting to show independence is positive.
 - Community Foundation Budget Request for 14/15
- **Membership Report (LS)** –
- **Loren-** zero requests for membership. Potentially all of the obvious candidates are already involved.
- **Internship Update-**
- **Ryan-** looking at the fall. Internship requests should be put in soon
- **Board Engagement & Nominations Process Report-**
- **Ryan-** Rebekah is not present. Follow-ups from last month's meeting. Linda said she would think about the position. Art had a good connection with Clark PUSH Green. Ryan didn't do the hard ask just had a general convo with him. **Art-** mentioned Johnny Henderson. He might actually end up attending more meetings instead of Clark. Hoping to get PUSH more involved. Making sure we have representation from both working groups and organizations as well. Any organizations that are not represented.
- **Action Agenda & Advocacy-** Makayla is no longer with us. Accepted her letter of resignation. Cara mentioned Brian Smith from Citizens Campaign. *Erin and Loren will follow up with Brian.* Makayla did leave a timeline.
- **Bob-** Working group's planks need to be the priority, due by August. Advocacy group then needs to look at them for the September meeting. Ryan and Kristen will put out a reminder on this for the groups. Mandatory advocacy meeting in August.
- **1RF Update (RM)-** heading into the home stretch, Alliance members have participated in all five of the working teams. And then after the draft comes out there will be another opportunity to participate. 115 maps total. Getting very good data from the software in overlaying these. Building the citizens planning school- Alliance and the university will

be working on this together- community change agents. Government municipality council, business council, grassroots perspective, etc. Alliance should comment on the draft report. Maybe Anthony could present the final results to the board in August. Very diverse crowd attending Saturday morning meetings.

- **Communication Report**

III. In Depth Briefing/Discussion—Issue Specific

- **Debriefing from the Second Quarterly and Strategic Planning (AM)**
- Good representation at the meeting. **Ali-** possibility of jumping on the Outer Harbor.
- **Bob-** purpose of quarterly meetings was to bring the groups together and this did that.
- **Justin-** a bit confused on what the focus was. Focusing on issues or capacity building?
- **Lindsay-** my group was a bit confused as well.
- **Erin-** can't let organizational capacity go. Even if we focus on things in the short term.
- **Karen-** agrees that both need to be represented.
- **Ryan-** thinks long term is more important than short term. Solution based vision should be put forward.
- **Ali-** thinking we invited that kind of a response. Needing something to put us on the map.
- **Lindsay-** torn. Agree with Ali on doing something to put us on the map but also doesn't want to be drawn away from the strategic goals. Would like to see more action as a board member.
- **Bob-** suggesting that we bring groups together. Survey the member groups and see what they want to do.
- **Loren and Bob-** don't want to ignore our role in convening the groups before just taking action. **Justin** agrees. Likes the idea of a larger group conversation before taking action. Has to be something that affects us all or has to be done through the working groups.
- **Erin-** "Coalition of the Willing" maybe one of the tasks of this group is to decide who can take a leading role. Hiring someone who is a very strong facilitator down the road would be a good idea.
- **Brian-** Thinks his working group should be the one taking on the Outer Harbor.
- **Ryan-** we need a clear vision of what Buffalo Niagara should look like- bring in the member organizations to help build that. If we don't have something to bring people forth. **Karen-**"Common vision" approach.
- **Ryan-** Vision, plan and how you would implement it. And then have a means to fund it (hypothetical). Something tangible that people can see what we're doing.
- **Loren-** can we develop a plan in a short time for the Outer Harbor? Something tangible?
- **Erin-** need civic capacity building to support the plan that's put forward. Investing in a database might be something down the road that can pay off. We have networks but we don't have the systems.
- **Ryan-** questioning whether we should have the systems. Maybe encouragement for organizations to leverage those lists. How do we balance all the necessary portions to the equation?
- **Bob-** proposing an example. An alliance consensus on the Outer Harbor would be very powerful. Once people are informed about the situation then they can decide what they want to do about it- proposes to have an actual event at the Outer Harbor. This can then be sent out to the politicians.
- **Ryan-** request for Josh to get notes from the meeting Monday.
- **Karen-** suggests we don't table it and we make a choice on whether this will be a new pilot.
- **Ali and Brian** will be co-chairing a meeting on the Outer Harbor. All in favor.
- **Organizational Legal Status (BK)-** non-for-profit corporation law is changing as of July 1st. Accounting side of it we will have to be more on top of. Very much into ethics and spending. Conflicts policy- and a conflicts officer on the board. Something to follow up with. Someone has to do an accounting every year of where everything went. Filing fee is in the 100s of dollars.
- **Proposed Fall Alliance Educator's Workshop (KW)-** proposes an event to support some of the goals that the organization is trying to push forward. Opportunity for working groups to engage their members.

- **Bob-** fully supports this. Inquired about funding- Karen can put in a budget request the museum.
- **Ryan-** wondering if Karen opposes having this in conjunction with the Congress.
- **Karen-** was thinking more about 2015.
- **Loren-** helping the working groups to help communicate better with their members, better to run as a pilot first.
- **Ryan-** need to think about the date and how it affects the Congress.

IV. “Tweet Style” Working and Process Group Updates

- Parks & Recreation- Brian cancelled last month’s meeting but is now moving towards the Outer Harbor proposal.
- Pollution and Hazardous Waste- Andy has conflicts with this time period and haven’t heard anything from him.
- Habitat- Jay not here.
- Transportation- Thursday morning- rapid response with Elmwood Village Association for bridge over the Scajaquada. Want comments back by the 27th. Deciding on process. Rapid response team should have it by the end of the day Friday.
- Energy and Climate- moved from Community Foundation to Bob’s office next month. Wind Action Group meets with them.
- Environmental Justice- Brought in Brent around air pollution issues. Visit with the common council. Tour of the Westside and a workshop in the evening (EJ group was part of this). Working on putting together a white paper of green buffers. Want to bring him back this fall and make it a bigger conversation.
- Growing- Rebekah not there.
- Urban Regeneration- Art- meeting last month working on green jobs and getting PUSH more involved in a specific project and working on training programs. Want to become more active with Buffalo Medical Campus downtown. Next meeting for urban regen will be in July.
- Education/Outreach
- Organizational Capacity
- Advocacy

V. Next Alliance Meetings:

- July 22nd Board Meeting
- Fall Quarterly—Potentially the Outer Harbor.

VI. Adjournment

- **Bob motions to adjourn. Brian seconded.**