

Hamilton County Community Development Board Meeting

P.O. Box 1167, Syracuse, KS 67878

Meeting Place - Syracuse High School Lecture Hall

June 25, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Steve Phillips, Chairman
Michele Boy, Board Member
Mike Lewis, Board Member

Steve Schell, Board Member
Sarah Schwieterman, Board Member
Leslie Carlholm, Com. Dev. Director

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order. Present were Board Members Lewis, Phillips, and Schell. Absent were Board Members Boy and Schwieterman. Also present were Paul Zuzelski, Kenny Bridges, Nancy Lewis, Janet Weis, Jenifer Sexson, Randy Braddock, Marissa Englert, Mark Davis, Kirsten Seal, Amy Brucker, Stacey Addison and Leslie Carlholm.

The purpose of this meeting was for the Community Development Board to attend and facilitate the countywide leadership meeting.

Organizational Updates: Phillips encouraged participants to share organizational updates. Zuzelski shared that next year Syracuse Schools would be 3A in all sports except football. Bridges provided an update on the school's construction project, teacher recruitment efforts. Bridges also stated the incoming kindergarten class would have 75 students. Carlholm shared Hamilton County is in the process of applying to NetWork Kansas for Entrepreneurship-Community Status. Weis provided an update on the public transport options offered by the V.I.P. Center. Jenifer Sexson introduced herself as the new agricultural extension agent and announced the extension council was advertising for a second extension agent specializing in family consumer science. Brucker indicated library numbers were down somewhat and that the format for the Library Leadership Group would be changing. Addison shared the golf course now has a Facebook page that she is administering and the course is working on a well project. Davis updated the group on the fundraising efforts and updates being made to the Veteran's Building. \$64,000 has been raised to date and the building should be open to the public again as a community building by Veteran's Day.

2015 Community Survey Results: Lewis presented the results of the 2015 Community Survey.

Next Steps: The group discussed the results of the survey. Areas identified for further exploration included community clean-up, housing and the possible development of an industrial area. Schell reminded the group the if someone needs assistance with cleaning up their property, they should contact City Administrator Brian Bloyd for possible assistance.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Phillips adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Community Development Director

Board Chairman

Date