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5-Year Economic Development Strategic Plan for Campbell County

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

Open Range Steakhouse, Wright

Thursday, January 7, 2009

4:30 – 6:30 PM

Committee Members Present:

Chris Shelledy, Megan Lehman, Dan Barks, Linda Harris, Norine Kasperik, Luann Borgialli, Nolene Wright, Tammie Anderson, Katie Allen, Cathrine Coulter.

Planning Committee Members Present:

Traci Conklin and Heidi Lowe

CCEDC Staff Present:

Brandi Beecher and Mary Melaragno

- Co-Chair Chris Shelledy welcomed everyone and thanked Nolene Wright and Tammie Anderson from the Wright Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the dinner.
- Chris stated the next meeting is on Tuesday, January 19th due to the holiday. On the 19th will create Task Forces for the weaknesses. Tonights meeting is to discuss final Strength statements.

Government

- Katie Allen, Chair, gave presentation for her task force:
 - First statement for government is Campbell County has a great infrastructure along with communities
 - Exceeds \$178 million investment infrastructure
 - Investment Avenue of Arts to beautify community may reach \$4 million investment by 2014

- City and County are planning on spending \$362 million for public infrastructure projects for the next five years Madison Pipeline \$226 million expansion project will ensure adequate water for 56,000 residents by 2038
- Campbell County Memorial Hospital \$65 million for expansion
- Cam-Plex Event Facilities contain over 400,00 sq. ft of indoor space in seven facilities hosting more than 350,000 visitors annually
- The second statement for Government is Visionary Leadership
- The annual citizens survey has been held since 1975
- Also discovered we are level with cell phone coverage with the rest of the United States.
- We are #1 in the U.S. with utilities with lowest rates for residential, commercial and industrial
- Town of Wright is increasing water for 5,000 families
- The full PowerPoint will be posted on Google Groups

Education

- Norine Kasperik gave update on behalf of Chair Mark Herrmann's task force:
 - Campbell County is very family oriented and has a strong sense of community pride, commitment and involvement. Campbell County residents also have strong values and a strong need to serve the community.
 - *Recreation*
 - Campbell County and Gillette residents can utilize a 38,000 sq. ft. Recreation center, which opened in the Spring of 2010. Additionally, Wright residents can utilize a local Recreation Center located in their community. Well over 140,000 individuals utilize both facilities and their 85 recreational programs, which suit almost everyone's needs, no matter what their age.
 - Campbell County residents may also take advantage of three beautiful golf courses
 - Campbell County and the cities of Gillette and Wright provide 54 parks for your enjoyment.
 - Many parks include equipment for all ages, Baseball and Softball Diamonds, and Soccer and Football fields for both Recreation Center activities as well as your personal enjoyment
 - *Community Service*
 - Campbell County hosts approximately 110 Community Clubs that are strongly supported by local residents
 - Campbell County residents serve on approximately 84 Community Boards. These boards support both Governmental and private entities.
 - Campbell County offers approximately 112 Human Service Resources to assist our residents needs.
 - *Campbell County School District*
 - 91% of CCSD students are proficient in technology standards

- There is one computer for every 3 students in the Campbell County and Wright school district
- This technology is rotated every five years, helping keep our students on the leading edge of technology
- 57% of Campbell County students are enrolled in Career Technical Education Classes.
- This aids in the availability of students for local employers.
- These employers also encourage students to pursue a higher education in their field of interest.
- Many employers also partner with the School District by offering mentorship programs, serving on advisory boards, and participate in roundtable discussions with students and faculty.
- CCSD grades 3 through 7 exceeded the State PAWS Test average over 93% of the time for the last four school years.
 - Improvement Opportunity
 - Although Grades 3 through 7 exceeded the average 93% of the time, grades 8 and 11 need more guidance to reach these statistics
- Well over 350 Campbell County School District students are participating in Concurrent Enrollment courses through Gillette College.
- *Gillette College*
 - Additions to Gillette College include:
 - A 9,700 sq. ft. Health Science Center in 2008 and
 - A 97,000 sq. ft. Technical Education Center in 2010
 - Other additions in 2009 include student housing for up to 100 Students.
 - Gillette College added men's and women's rodeo in 2007, Cross Country and Track and Field in 2008, and Men's and Women's Basketball programs in 2009.
- Will look nationally how compared to Campbell County with ACT and SAT score.
- Will work on getting percent of 350 high school students that attend college as well
- The full PowerPoint will be posted on Google Groups

Minerals and Agriculture

- Nolene Wright gave an update on behalf of Chair Julie Simons task force:
 - According to 2008 demographic data – 22,670 workers are employed in Campbell County. Of the 22,670 workers, 6,760 are employed directly at the coal mines.
 - It is estimated that each coal-mining job supports three related jobs in other business sectors
 - In 2007, the average income in the Wyoming coal industry was \$75,977, twice the state average of \$39,245.
 - The top 10 producing mines in the country are all located in Wyoming's Powder River Basin

- In 2008, more than 465 million tons of coal was produced in Campbell County.
- 85.95 percent of the tax base in Campbell County is provided by the mineral industries (oil, gas, utilities, and coal).
- Campbell County ranks 38th in agriculture, which will be focused on with weaknesses.
- Will try to get number of employees that work in gas and oil.

Tax and Finance

- Louann Borgialli gave an update on behalf of Chair Dane Joslyn's task force:
 - Wyoming's business tax climate ranks 2nd. This is very good for businesses to relocate to Wyoming
 - Rank 48th for state and local tax burden
 - Biggest downfall, have 3rd highest property taxes. Will work on more to see what is included to with the property taxes to make it rank so low.
 - Campbell County sales tax is 5% when most others are 6%
 - Lodging tax is 2%

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH 4:30 – 6:30 PM. DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED.

WILL BE HELD IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM IN THE GEORGE AMOS MEMORIAL BUILDING