

Meeting Notes Hometown Collaboration Initiative

January 14, 2019

Present: Jim Schultz, Tim Clark, Nancy Crocker, Shirley Boardman, Torrie Rae, Darren Byrd, Yolanda Toschlog, JoAnne Himebaugh, Levi Voils, Brandon Harris, Jan Mills

Jan announced that we received notice on Monday morning that our Pathway Project application had been approved, and our project funded. A contract agreement form and W-9 need to be completed by the Brown County Redevelopment Commission. Our HCI group is responsible for a follow-up report that will be submitted upon the completion of the Pathway Project.

Discussion centered on tasks that were outlined in the goals portion of the application. The group agreed on the following vision statement for the Brown County Leadership Cooperative: ***To partner with a diverse group of current and aspiring leaders to form a more collaborative Brown County that strives to address the needs and values of its citizens.***

The following mission statement was also approved:

To engage the Brown County community to foster county-wide collaboration and leadership.

Developing and hosting the BCLC webpage and eventual website was also discussed. Brandon will investigate a relationship with HoosierWebNerd. An initial webpage might be hosted by the Community Foundation until we have enough content and projects to justify our own website.

There was discussion of attempting to re-engage those who participated in the leadership training, as they have a diverse skill set and experiences that would help the food project (and future projects) succeed.

Five committees were established to begin work on the food project. Those are: communication, marketing and branding (Brandon); governance; partnerships and volunteer outreach (JoAnne, Shirley and Jan); topic research and analysis (Torrie, Levi and Tim); and community engagement (Nancy, Jim, Darren, Levi and Yolanda).

There was discussion on the governance of the group – whether we need a core leadership group – but no consensus (the majority favor community council governance).

The **next meeting: Thursday, January 31, 6 p.m., Howard Hughes Community Foundation**