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Meeting Notes
Nov. 22, 2019
City Hall @ 9:00 a.m.

Present: Dan Hanson, Justin Douglas, Sara Granfors, Vanessa Sherman, Jason Jones (By phone: Tim Hoffman, Cindy Hoffman)

- 1) **Review Mission and Vision statements (see agenda)** – Reviewed regularly for the group’s guidance.
- 2) **Review on Oct. 18 meeting notes** – Dr. Hanson asked all to report progress on the red highlights from the October notes.
- 3) **Flood Response Discussion** – Dr. Hanson led discussion on the following:
 - A) **Long-Term Disaster Recovery** – Dr. Hanson reviewed the purpose of the new Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) – “To coordinate and communicate the work being done by multiple parties to maintain an ongoing directed focus on the recovery needs of the community.” The group is meeting weekly to pursue that purpose. They have met with EDA about funding assistance for rebuilding roads. SENDD is helping with this process. The USDA is another possible resource. The LTRG is also working to develop a document showing the economic impact the flood has had on Peru. This will be used to help secure funding for the levee repair. Dr. Hanson also reported that the Nebraska Children & Families Foundation has hired a disaster recovery specialist (Zach Nelson) who will work to keep Peru on the radar of many non-profits who are looking to assist with FEMA match requirements.
 - 4) **DED Disaster Recovery Housing Funds** – Jason Jones reported that the City’s housing committee has been formed and will be meeting with SENDD to identify four houses for the initial work. He will plan to provide monthly updates to this group, and will continue to work on a communication plan to disseminate the housing information to the community.
 - 5) **Ongoing Student Participation** – Sara Granfors reported that she has talked with students who are interested in participating with this group. She has identified four potential individuals. **Sara will send their email addresses to Amy Mincer. Dr. Hanson will invite these students to the February meeting.**
- 6) **Planning Team Reports** –
 - A) **Infrastructure** – Dr. Hanson noted that this team could potentially be discontinued, since the City is doing the infrastructure work.
 - B) **Housing** – Tim Hoffman reported that this team continues to work on developing an “Approved Landlords” list and the painting project. **Dr. Hanson will talk with Amy about sample Preferred Housing lists.**
 - C) **Attraction, Retention & Communication (ARC)** – This team has not met again since the last update, however events on the website are updated weekly. A Community Day on Campus event is still in the works for August, before school begins. The *Bobcat Bonus* flyer, a one-page

listing of campus resources for community members, will be mailed at least quarterly by the Marketing Department.

D) Business/Economic Development (B.E.D.) – Dr. Hanson reported that this planning team continues to meet, although flooding response projects may change the direction of the team in the future.

7) Next Meeting: The group will skip its December meeting. Next meeting will be January 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at Peru City Hall (Normally the third Friday of the month.)