



## Community Development Committee Meeting

**5:30 pm – 6:30pm**  
**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

*BHAG Goal: Be the premier agency for Community Development in Region 6W.*

Community Development Members:

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### Agenda

1. Update on Community Survey (handout provided at meeting)
2. Review 2012 Strategies & Draft Some Specific Tactics
  - Strategy A. – Increase relationships with current and potential LUGs to better understand their needs and how we can assist them
  - Strategy B. – Apply to State and Federal Agencies on behalf of regional projects
  - Strategy C. – Provide a regional format for education
3. Current (contracted) Staff Projects

1. Transit Plan	Due by:
2. USC Energy Plan	September 2011
3. Dawson EDA Application (on hold)	September 2011
4. LqP County Hazard Mitigation	December 2011
5. Swift County Hazard Mitigation	September 2011
6. Clara City Comprehensive Plan	December 2011
7. CEDS (Postponed)	March 2012
	June 2013
4. **Next Steps**

Work Plan FY11: BHAG #1: Be the premier agency for Community Development in Region 6W				
Strategy A.	Tactics	Timeline	Measurement	Accomplishments
<b>Increase relationships with current and potential LUGs to better understand their needs and how we can assist them.</b>	1. Engage in dialogue with UMVRDC board members to review relevant topics, issues, projects and needs within their communities. (Round-robin at monthly RDC meetings)	Monthly	RDC Meeting Minutes, Project Leads Worksheet	Ongoing - RDC members report monthly on issues, projects and needs within their respective communities.
	2. Guest speakers at RDC meetings, potentially city reps, county, civic organizations sharing what is great about their community, project etc.	Quarterly	RDC Meeting Minutes	Self Employment Data in Region 6W- Cameron Macht What is Broadband - Bill Coleman MnDOT Vision - Mark Nelson CEDS - Jacki Anderson
	3. Survey LUGs, specifically cities.	Annually	Survey completion & response rates	Will complete spring 2011. This survey will also fulfill our mandated 5 year survey required by the state legislature.
	4. Connect LUG needs to opportunities, funding, resources.	Ongoing	Complete Follow-up, Project Leads Worksheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Granite Falls -Riverfront Revitalization work plan <input type="checkbox"/> USC -Coordinated Energy Board w/ potential funding resources <input type="checkbox"/> Swift County -zoning research and map (DONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Granite Falls -Federal Rec. Trail Application <input type="checkbox"/> LqP -Potential application for Legacy funding, lacking match
Strategy B.	Tactics	Timeline	Measurement	Accomplishments
<b>Apply to State and Federal Agencies on behalf of regional projects.</b>	1. Integrate CEDS, and other regional plans to identify regional priority projects in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Telecommunications, Local Foods, Business Expansion & Retention and Renewable Energy.	Ongoing	Project Leads Worksheet, Tracking State and Federal Applications	<input type="checkbox"/> LqP -OES #1 -boiler (FUNDED \$25,000 ) <input type="checkbox"/> Dawson -DEED application (FUNDED \$500,000) <input type="checkbox"/> Benson -Shared services application (FUNDED \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> LqP -OES #2 -geo-thermal (FUNDED \$100,00) <input type="checkbox"/> Benson SCDP Application
Strategy C.	Tactics	Timeline	Measurement	Accomplishments
<b>Provide a regional format for education.</b>	1. Host 4-6 trainings and conferences (i.e. B3 Benchmarking, sharing of services, etc) .	Ongoing	Planner Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Collaborating with SWIF on Regional Economic Development meeting (summer 2011) <input type="checkbox"/> MIRC Offerings <input type="checkbox"/> ED Pro's Quarterly Meetings
	2. Convene meetings for target groups in the region, (i.e. city administrators, city staff, economic development staff/boards, etc.) to provide a forum for the discussion of common needs and issues. Keep in mind different staffing availability in small cities vs larger cities.	Ongoing	Planner Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Potential for future B3 Benchmarking Training in the future <input type="checkbox"/> MIRC Steering Committee/ Project Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted to host an LMC Community Conversation in the region (Clara City applied)

**Work Plan FY12: BHAG #1: Be the premier agency for Community Development in Region 6W**

<b>Strategy A.</b>	<b>Tactics</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
<b>Increase relationships with LUGs to better understand their needs and how we can assist them.</b>	1. Engage in dialogue with UMRDC board members to review relevant topics, issues, projects and needs within their communities. (Round-robin at monthly RDC meetings)	Monthly	RDC Meeting Minutes, Project Leads Worksheet	
	2. Guest speakers at RDC meetings, potentially city reps, county, civic organizations sharing what is great about their community, project etc.	Quarterly	RDC Meeting Minutes	
	3. Survey LUGs, specifically cities	Annually	Survey completion & response rates	
	4. Connect LUG needs to opportunities, funding, resources. - Water, Sewer & Wastewater Infrastructure - Roads, Bridges & Sidewalks	Ongoing	Email Blasts, Proposals, Contracts	
<b>Strategy B.</b>	<b>Tactics</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
<b>Apply to State and Federal Agencies on behalf of community and regional projects.</b>	1. Integrate CEDS, and other regional plans to identify regional priority projects in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Telecommunications, Local Foods, Business Expansion & Retention and Renewable Energy.	Ongoing	Tracking State and Federal Applications	
<b>Strategy C.</b>	<b>Tactics</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Measurement</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
<b>Provide a regional format for education.</b>	1. Host 4-6 trainings and conferences		Trainings Offered	
	2. Convene meetings for target groups in the region, (i.e. city administrators, city staff, economic development staff/boards, etc.) to provide a forum for the discussion of common needs and issues. Keep in mind different staffing availability in small cities vs larger cities.		Meetings Coordinated or Assisted in the Coordination	