

Writing the Visioning Implementation Report

When the former visioning committee approved the Final Vision and Action Plan they suggested, in the Supplement to Chapter 5, that the City Council authorize the City Manager to prepare an “initial draft implementation report”. The visioning committee also requested that the report include:

- A recommended grouping of related goals and strategies set forth in the visioning report
- An inventory of existing efforts
- An inventory of new resources required to accomplish the identified goals
- The identification of additional organizations and entities that could be involved
- The identification of specific implementation tasks that could be completed over two years following the implementation report
- The identification and recommendation of existing commissions or boards that could take the lead in the implementation of the various groupings of goals and strategies
- Guidelines for the convening, management, and coordination of citizen groups to aid in the work of implementation and to enhance the public understanding and acceptance of the vision and related implementation efforts.

This is that report.

The Communications Center, Inc. was hired in April 2008 to facilitate the development of the implementation report. The *information* reflected in this report was generated through a series of public meetings and individual interviews, a review of local news sources and blogs, discussions with City Council members, members of the former sponsors’ council and department heads, and with other sources. The *recommendations* in this report reflect both the information received and the resources available and focus on actions that city government can take in the next two years, often in collaboration with others, to help move the vision forward.

Public meetings included:

- May 2008 – Gathering ideas from the former Visioning Committee
- June 2008 – City Council Retreat
- July 2008 – Vision Open House
- September 2008 – Vision Showcase
- October 2008 – Keys to the City
- December 2008 – First Night

Preliminary drafts of the Implementation Report were presented to the public for review and comment at these meetings and also posted online for a more continuously open review and information gathering. In addition to these public meetings, input was regularly sought through a series of online surveys and requests to boards, commissions and others. Radio, T.V., newspaper announcements, and listservs were also used. The development of the report is being finalized. We continue to invite public comment. The current comment period has been extended to March 27, 2009.

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