



Memorandum

To: Lee's Summit 360° Stakeholders
From: Derek Okubo, National Civic League
Re: January 6 meeting, Next Meeting
Date: January 7, 2009

Congratulations on your continued progress! At this past meeting, we held our first report out on your work to the large stakeholder group. The discussion was excellent and reflective of the high capacity and wisdom that exists in the group. I continue to be very excited about working with this community again.

As you saw, we are following the process outline and focused our initial report out on the KPA mini-visions and the issues emerging from our assessment. The reports allowed stakeholders from other KPA teams to learn about what other groups were thinking and to provide input and approval. Overlaps across groups were noted. As we move a bit further in the process and identify a clear context of the overlap, we will determine if one group will take the entire goal area or if KPAs will take specific parts.

The next steps in the process will focus on identifying the priority issues/goal areas, establishing rationale statements for why they are priorities, and begin developing strategies to impact the priority issues/goal areas. Just as we did in identifying the KPA topics, I suggest your team focus on not going beyond four to six priorities to avoid diluting your area. We will not be able to address everything and some tough choices will have to be made. Therefore, focus on identifying those areas that will have the largest rippling effect. We are transitioning into the fun part of the process...where we focus our energies on problem solving rather than just problem identification.

The next meeting will be a work session. If you need city staff to attend the meeting to act as an information resource to your group (or any other "expert" that you identify), this would be a good meeting have them attend.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 303-571-4343 or via email at dereko@ncl.org.

Keep up the good work!