

**Jefferson County University Extension Education Committee
October 13, 2008**

Call to Order - Chairman Greg Torres called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call – Committee members Ron Buchanan, Mike Burow, John Kannard. Excused: Robert Yachinich.

Also present: Kathleen Eisenmann, Steve Grabow, Ken Bolton, Joe Bollman, Gail Roberts and Carlton Zentner.

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting posting was certified in accordance with Open Meeting Law requirements.

Approval of the Agenda for Possible Rearrangement –

Chairman Torres approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from September 8 and September 24 Minutes

Burrow indicated that the minutes from September 24 were missing some information. He gave Eisenmann typed additions to be added to the minutes. Minutes for these meetings will be approved at the October meeting.

Citizen Input and Comments (8:30 – 9:47 a.m.)

Concerned citizens spoke on behalf of UW-Extension and urged committee members to reconsider the proposed cuts to the Extension office. Speakers included: Tom Novak, Jon and Theresa Hartwig, Howard and Lois Wiedenhoef, Sarah Mueller, Daphne Holterman, Stephanie Curtis and Carlton Zentner.

Monthly Educational Program Report: Steve Grabow

Steve Grabow, Community Development Agent, gave an in-depth presentation on his programming and answered questions from the Committee. He distributed his 2007 Annual Accomplishment Report in addition to a few other reports to the committee members along with his summary of September activities. Steve asked committee members for specific areas of question that he should cover. Buchanan asked for a general overview. Grabow explained that he reports monthly on his activities in the following areas: Economic Development, Downtown Vitality and Community Placemaking, Planning, Local Government, Environment, and Leadership and Organizational Development. Grabow highlighted some of his activities from 2007 and 2008 for the committee as well as summarized his August activities. Grabow further presented a PowerPoint on “Jefferson County Assets and Opportunities” as an example of educational programs that are shared with community leaders. This presentation has been used as part of workshops in the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Update (with Economic Development Emphasis) process. Discussion occurred.

Discussion of Agent Written Reports

No questions from committee on the written reports.

Discussion on Continuing Orientation of Committee Members

Continue with what we are doing.

Identify Next Meeting Dates and Possible Agenda Items

Tentative Upcoming Meeting Dates – November 10, December 8. November 10th meeting agenda will include county budget discussion.

Adjournment - Motion by **Buchanan**, seconded by **Burow** to adjourn meeting. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Buchanan, Secretary