

MEMO

TO: Ranier City Council
FROM: Ben VanTassel, ARDC
RE: August 5th Visioning Session Summary

On August 5, 2008 the City of Ranier held a Public Visioning Session at the Community Building. The purpose of this session was to kick-off the Community Plan Process and to provide the first opportunity to gather input from the public. Over 50 people were in attendance to share their input, concerns, and vision for Ranier. The meeting began with an introduction by Mayor Oerichbauer. ARDC outlined the planning process and facilitated the meeting. Questions and comments were then taken about the process.

ARDC then lead the group in a mapping exercise in which ARDC asked the group to identify the assets and positive attributes of Ranier and the surrounding area. The attendees were split into groups and asked to identify both seen and unseen assets. The groups then came together as a large group and recorded all the assets that were determined. The group then identified concerns about the area and what should be addressed throughout the planning process. These concerns were also recorded.

ARDC then discussed the importance of a vision statement for communities and attendees were encouraged to contribute to the City Vision Statement by finishing the statement, "In the future Ranier will be..." ARDC will then take these statements and organize them and work with Ranier to solidify a vision for the area.

The visioning session was adjourned. The ideas collected at this meeting will be organized for the next meeting with the City Council.