

What's Developing

The people who attended the first session following the Empower Community Gathering were ready to work together to move their projects forward. Community members met at the school lunchroom with sleeves rolled up ready to begin on an exciting journey together. That occurred on September 6, and future meetings were scheduled before the teams left for the evening.

Empower Eureka trainer, Paula Jensen, and coordinator, Wanda Jundt, welcomed the Initiative Team members, gave a history of the 6 months that Empower has been active in Eureka, and laid out groundwork for the future.

The teams that were actively involved for the evening were Community Center, Beautification, and New/Growth of Business.

Other groups identified at the Community Gathering that can still be involved in the future are Skilled Workforce Education, Support Groups, Housing, Events, and Recreation Infrastructure. At least 3 people are needed to get a group up and going.

The next step is for each Initiative Team to meet individually with Paula Jensen for an hour and 15 minutes when they will continue the discussions they started and make plans to set the direction they want to take. These meetings will be held in the evenings of October 24 and 30. Watch for specific times for each Initiative Team. A person on multiple Initiative Teams will attend more than one session on those days.

Assignments were given to everyone to complete before the next meeting. Each was invited to accept an invitation to Basecamp, an online tool to keep conversation flowing among members. Everyone was also asked to look at their groups to see who else would be a fit in their project and invite those people to the next meeting.

The enthusiasm in the room was high as plans for future projects began to take shape. Anyone who would like to join any of the groups can do so at any time.

Wanda Jundt