

Visioning 2026 Global Economy/Internet
8/21/06 – 5:30 pm

Attendees: Betty Froehlich, Mary Plettner, Julee Pfeil, Nancy Scheer, Don Polodna, Dick Johnson, Diane Becker, Lee Sherry, Norm Sherry, Roger Nadrchal, Justin Reise, Robert Arkfeld, Michelle Grimes, Larry Wenzel, Gregg Hanson, Sheila Tomjack, Virgil Froehlich

Facilitators: Mark Hall, Jennifer Adams, Pam Carlson

The group was given an explanation of the goal of a dialogue session, that there is no set agenda, not wrong answers, just a desire for dialogue on future trends for technology, global economy and the internet.

A handout of icebreaker questions were distributed to the group and everyone was asked to review and discuss the issues posed.

The group identified the following key factors of global economy, internet and technology trends for future research and dialogue at the next meeting set for Monday, August 28, 2006, at the City Council Chamber 309 Madison Ave. starting at 5:30pm:

Communications (GPS systems, network/internet, telecommunications, automobile services)/Privacy issues

Generational differences/Age related dynamics (where are the youth today compared to their parents/grandparents)

Relationships/Community Building (getting along, what “common goods” means)

Educate ourselves and continue to learn

Attract a diversity of people to or back to our area

Jobs (availability and types)

Variety of Entertainment/Activities

Raw Materials (price of electricity, labor force, cost of living)

Speed of Change/Time (priorities, management, choices)

Reaching the bottom 10% (educational reference on how if you can bring up the bottom 10% of the class you raise the standard for the whole class/school)

Healthy lifestyle

Impact of technology (health, relationships, lifestyle)

Success (how we define and measure it)

Connection/Connectivity (internet, global economy, after the internet)

Living opportunities downtown