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**PHASE 3, MEETING 5: OCTOBER 6
MEETING SUMMARY**

What happened at the October 6 Tribune meeting?

After a break over the summer, residents came together at a public meeting on October 6, 2015 at Renaissance Learning. Project and summer outreach/activity updates were shared with residents.

Project updates included:

Construction: Our partners at J.H. Findorff & Son will begin preparation for construction on the Tribune site. This will include placement of a construction trailer and fencing around the perimeter of the site. Asbestos abatement and construction on the building's interior will begin during the week of October 26. With winter just around the corner, we anticipate that construction on the site and the building's exterior will begin in the spring, and we plan to hold a celebration at the Tribune at that time.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Grant: Lieutenant Governor Kleefisch visited Wisconsin Rapids on August 31 to announce that the WEDC awarded the City of Wisconsin Rapids a \$472,000 grant to help fund the Tribune's renovation. This grant demonstrates how important public-private and philanthropic partnerships are to shaping a strong and inclusive local economy. To read the full announcement, click [here](#).

ArtPlace: Work has continued with each of the seven selected artists and artist teams as part of the ArtPlace America grant Incourage received in June 2014. We are in the process of securing dates for each of the artist engagement opportunities. These will range from completing research, to finding materials and participating in community workshops and educational classes. We will keep you informed as these opportunities are confirmed, and hope you will plan to join us in helping to bring these art installations to life.

O'so Brewing Co. Site Visit: Members of the Microbrewery interest group toured O'So Brewing Co. in Plover over the summer. Ryan Whipple and Kent Kehus shared their experience and visions for the Tribune's microbrewery. To learn more, click [here](#).

Rafters Big Questions: Over the summer, you may have seen Incourage staff and residents at Rafters games working at the "Incourage Big Question" board under the bleachers. This gave us the opportunity to ask a "Big Question" of residents attending the game. One of the questions we posed was "What excites you the most about the Tribune?" We learned that there are still many residents that are unsure of the Tribune, what will be in the building, and what opportunities it presents. We also learned that there is a lot excitement for learning and creating, specifically in the Culinary Kitchen and the Creative Workshop. The rooftop lounge was also a big hit.

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Residents worked together at their tables to create a list of what activities they anticipate doing in the Tribune once the building opens. The ideas generated will help inform a 2016 Learning & Events calendar where residents will be given the opportunity to try out some of the activities they are interested in, even before the building opens. Each table was given the opportunity to share their ideas with all meeting attendees, and place the ideas in the area in which they would be completed in the building. Residents then voted for their three favorite ideas. Some of the most popular ideas included:

- Cooking classes in the Culinary Kitchen - locally sourced, ethnic, seasonal, heritage
- Concert Series in the outdoor plaza
- Open Mic performances in the cafe/brewpub, flexible space, or outdoors – including poetry readings, live music, speakers' corner, improv nights
- Kayaking Club
- Create a local/regional brand for food, arts, brews
- Woodworking, Electronics, Photography, Glass Fusion, and Painting classes in the Creative Workshop
- Entrepreneurial classes (how to get a business started, marketing, business planning, financing options) in the Flexible Space
- Brew & View – project a movie on the side of the building and serve brews from the Microbrewery
- Kids classes in the Culinary Kitchen and Creative Workshop

What will happen at the next meeting?

At the next meeting on December 1, 2015, residents will be working in interest groups to help create the 2016 Learning & Events calendar.

Where can I learn more?

Please visit tribunebuilding.org, or call Incourage at (715) 423 - 3863.