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Dear AIM Participant:

Thank you for your participation with the Action in Muskogee (AIM) Visioning Process. Your continued involvement is critical to the success of this effort. With that in mind, I wanted to update you on what has happened with AIM since we last met. A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes to organize the effort and you're about to see a lot more opportunities for public participation.

After our last planning session in October, the consultants organized all the information from the work of the people who attended the visioning sessions into a plan. This plan identified eight initiatives to improve the community. These initiatives include: **Educational Excellence, Safe and Secure Community, Strong Economy, Community Pride, Clean and Beautiful Community, Great Place to Live and Visit, Health and Wellness, and Community Infrastructure.** This plan can be viewed online at www.muskogeedevelopment.org. This website has all of the information generated through this visioning process for your review.

The Steering Committee has met twice since October. In addition to reviewing, modifying and accepting the AIM Plan, the Committee has also named me as Chair and Lisa Wade Raasch as Co-chair for the AIM effort, as well as selecting Chairs for each initiative. The Initiative Chairs are listed on the website. I would encourage you to check out the initiative information and contact the Initiative Chair of the areas you are most interested in promoting, as they are currently organizing their work committees and scheduling their first public meetings. Even if you missed a first initiative meeting, please get in touch; your input is vital to our success.

This effort would not be possible without the excellent support of the Business and Economic Development Office of the Muskogee City –Council Port Authority. . If you have any questions, concerns or just want more information about AIM, please contact Brien Thorstenberg or Marie Seabolt with the Business and Economic Development Office of the Muskogee City –Council Port Authority. They can either answer your question or put you in contact with someone who can.

Over the holidays I ran into some people who said that they were not sure if AIM could make a positive change for our community. Just like you, I've taken the time and made the choice to be involved with AIM because I know that there is no limit to what we can accomplish as long as we stay together and keep moving in the direction of our goal to strengthen our community. Because I've seen the plan, I know great things, large and small, are going to be produced by this effort. Please stay engaged and participate. It will take all of us to transform our community into a place our families can thrive for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tim Faltyn
AIM Chair