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Members of Task Force meet with Governor Sebelius

Jennifer Tarwater, Chair of the Wyandotte County Lewis & Clark Task Force, and Pat Gaunce, Branch Manger of the West Wyandotte & F.L. Schlagle Libraries, and member of Kansas Lewis & Clark Commission, met with Governor Sebelius and new state tourism director Becky Blake on July 21st to discuss Lewis & Clark legacy projects in the state of Kansas. The commission, made up of representatives from Wyandotte County, Atchison, Leavenworth and White Cloud, formed in March 2000, and through much diligence and perseverance, maximized a \$238,000 appropriation from the State Legislature in 2003 into more than \$10,000,000 in education and infrastructure projects.

Mrs. Gaunce and Ms. Tarwater reported on local activities and the construction of the Lewis & Clark Historic Park at Kaw Point. To date, the task force has raised more than \$2,000,000 for construction of the park, and will soon begin Phase II of construction, to include a Native American flag monument and light structure in the

Confluence of Nations Plaza, decorative lighting along the boardwalk, reconfiguration of the boat docks, and extensive irrigation and landscaping. The task force is also in the planning stages of a bike/pedestrian trail which will link the park to the existing Woodswether Bridge to become part of the Riverfront Heritage Trail. They are also planning a bicentennial event for September 2006. For more information and to view a complete copy of the Governor's report, please visit our website at www.lewisandclarkwyco.org

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