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2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Steering Committee Meeting NIRPC Auditorium November 12, 2009 Minutes

Members

Mike Aylesworth, Geof Benson, Mitch Bishop, Cassandra Cannon, Dale Engquist, Phil Gralik, Jerry Halperin, Richard Herr, George Malis, Sergio Mendoza, Richard Morrisroe, Sandy O'Brien, Charles Oberlie, Pat Pullara, Mark Reshkin, Jill Ritchie, Garry Traynham, Joseph Wszolek

Guests

Jim Arendas, Joe Csikos, Vince Galbiati, Joe Kusiak, Bruce Lindner, Jerry Tessarolo, Rich Underkofer

Consultant

Phil Hanegraaf

Staff

Gabrielle Biciunas, Bill Brown, Eman Ibrahim, Belinda Petroskey, Lauren Rhein, Stephen Sostaric, Mary Thorne, Tom VanderWoude

Chairman Chuck Oberlie called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with self-introductions. On a motion by Jill Ritchie and a second by Jerry Halperin, the minutes and summary were approved as submitted.

Cluster Workshop Synthesis Report Presentation

Phil Hanegraaf commended the NIRPC staff for their help in consolidating all the data and analysis. The process for the five workshops held was described. A total of about 130 citizens gave clear indications of what they want to see for the region as well as identified some expectations of what could realistically occur. Tom VanderWoude explained the synthesized mapping of centers, corridors and green areas which will be included in the final report which will then go out to the counties in January for review. The next steps will be developing future scenarios based on the information from the report and on measures such as travel, costs, environmental impacts, etc. It was suggested that clearer user-

friendly presentations on television, radio and other forms of media be made. Also, the impact on current water resources and infrastructure must be examined.

Outreach Subcommittee

Sergio Mendoza reported that RFQ's for both Community Advocate and Outreach Coordinator positions are posted on NIRPC's website at www.nirpc.org. The deadline for submissions is November 30th.

Goals & Objectives

The committee was provided with both the current definitions of draft goals & objectives as well as suggested samples obtained from other regional efforts for review. Feedback may be sent to Gabrielle Biciunas at NIRPC.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on January 28 at 9:00 a.m. at NIRPC. Chairman Oberlie adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Handouts provided:

- Agenda
- October 22 Meeting Minutes
- October 22 Meeting Summary
- Draft Cluster Workshop Report dated 11/12/09
- Current definitions of Draft Goals and Objectives
- Suggested sample definitions of Goals and Objectives

Audio tapes of this meeting are filed. Contact Mary Thorne at NIRPC should you wish to schedule a time to hear them.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Thorne, Planning Secretary
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission