

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

Continued Project Scoring Session

NIRPC - Lake Michigan Room

October 10, 2018

Minutes

Members/Guests: Jan Bapst, Lauri Keagle, Kay Nelson, Lynda Lancaster, George Malis, Mary Jane Thomas, Deb Backhus, Geof Benson and Jennifer Gadzala

NIRPC Staff: Kathy Luther, Mitch Barloga, Dominique Edwards and Candice Eklund.

Jan Bapst called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Presentation: 2050 Plan Futures

Dominique Edwards presented on the 2050 Plan drivers and influences of Northwest Indiana's future. The Plan will also aid in aligning project scoring planning when discussing futures scenarios. Summer pop-up events concluded September 1. Feedback was received from over 900 people ranging in age from 5 to 75. The fall series of pop-up events begins this week and goes through October 20. Visit www.nirpc.org for more information.

Presentation: 2050 Plan + Tip Programmatic Approach and Project Scoring

Mitch Barloga recapped the draft 2050 Plan and TIP Programmatic Approach and Program Scoring revision documents from the EMPC meeting held on October 4, 2018. A total of ten sets of project criteria were scheduled to be examined. Three sets were examined on October 4th and the remaining seven were examined and completed during today's meeting. As the program scoring was reviewed, points were changed live as needed, based on consensus of the group. The Project Planning category for the development of regional environment protection plans was examined and points were changed live as well.

Mitch Barloga discussed the proposed project evaluation criteria and weights programs. The overall criteria will be used for every program category. The program category for Cost Effectiveness may be included as one metric in another area. Mitch will send out the revised scoring and project evaluation criteria and weights spreadsheets and has requested feedback within two weeks of receiving the updates. The group discussed each of the Air Quality and Environment criteria for each program to obtain a full understanding and make appropriate changes. Kathy Luther and Joe Exl will update each of the criteria's discussed and assign numerical values to each of the programs. These updates will be discussed in full detail during the EMPC Committee meeting in November, before a final vote is taken.

Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Jan Bapst adjourned the meeting at 1:21 pm.

The next EMPC meeting will be held on November 1, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am and concluding at 12:00 pm, or when the project scoring and proposed project evaluation criteria and weights have been reviewed and voted on by the Committee.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Candice Eklund at 219-763-6060 Ext 142 or ceklund@nirpc.org should you wish to receive a copy of it.