

Committee Meeting ~ NIRPC
September 6, 2018

Members & Guests – Jeff Sheridan, George Topoll, Tim Jones, Jenny Orsburn, Mark Gordish, Zully Alvarado, Mark O’Dell, Craig Zandstra, Robert Boklund, Terri Saltzman, Theresa Mince, Veronica Jalomo, Caroline Arnett.

Staff – Trey Wadsworth, Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber, Mary Thorne

George Topoll called the meeting to order at 11:05 am with the pledge of allegiance and self-introductions. The August 2, 2018 minutes were approved on a motion by Mark O’Dell and a second by Mark Gordish.

NIRPC

Scott Weber presented on the draft Performance Based Planning (PbP) Framework for the 2050 Plan. The framework will break down how NIRPC will go beyond federal requirements using the 16 critical paths as outlined in the 2050 Plan matrix to achieve Northwest Indiana’s vision. The Mobility plan focus area as it relates to the vision statements was examined at length for the committee. Staff will be looking at data metrics and measures, and baseline conditions to achieve increased or decreased performance targets by 2035 and 2050. Feedback from the committee was sought. The use of data from the National Council on Disability was suggested. Uber services leaves a large population out; how can we measure change in the future.

Mitch Barloga presented on the draft Programmatic Investment Approach for the 2050 Plan and 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This enhanced approach will identify investment programs, evaluate the programs and size funding to each program based on regional priority, evaluate projects within all programs and then program the highest scored projects with available funding per program. While the usual approach is more straightforward, the enhanced approach will better utilize the flexibility provided by some funding sources. Benefits will be easier to quantify and demonstrate performance. The best scored projects will come from regionally significant programs. Examples of what the practice might look like were shown and the scoring process for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was examined. Feedback was solicited from the committee. A suggestion to use universal design principals rather than ADA which implies a minimal requirement.

Dominique Edwards reported that the 2050 Plan pop up events produced over 900 responses. Results are being tabulated. The next round of events will be in October.

Pedal - Mitch Barloga

- There was no report from South Shore Trails.
- The Complete Streets Workshop might be held on November 29.
- Governor Holcomb has put \$90 million for trails. The Department of Natural Resources will administer the grant program.

- The Greenways + Blueways maps are now available.

Paddle

Zully Alvarado gave a report from the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association. The Lake Station ADA launch will be completed next week. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for September 22. The Little Calumet River clean up project is almost finished. The 11th Ride the Wave regatta will be held Saturday. Three courses will begin at Washington Park in Michigan City. The Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure Festival is October 5-7. The last Kankakee River Sand Hill Crane Paddle is October 14. The calendar of events and other information can be found at www.nwipa.org.

Grab Bag

Project Updates – Lake County acquired two more parcels.

General Announcements

- The 9th Annual Celebration and Boat Trek of La Porte's Chain of Lakes will be held on September 16 from noon to 4 pm.
- The Popcorn Festival is this weekend.

The next 3PC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.

Hearing no further business, Cary Kirkham adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

