

Land Use Committee Meeting  
NIRPC Dune Room  
December 5, 2018

Call to Order – Greg Stinson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with self-introductions. Members present included Greg Stinson, George Topoll, and Kristina Kuzma and Tom VanderWoude. Staff present included Eman Ibrahim and Mary Thorne.

The minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by George Topoll and a second by Kristina Kuzma.

#### Regional Planning

2050 Plan Draft Strategies Identification – Eman Ibrahim presented economy and place related strategies for the connected, renewed, united and vibrant vision statements. Changes were made live as follows:

##### Connected:

- Under Technical Assistance, Page 1, merge Policy 4 from Connected with Policy 4 in Renewed.
- Change Program/Plan 1 on Page 2, to read “Improve downtowns and centers to anchor business and contribute to the local economy.
- Add “Other uses” and “where supported by infrastructure” to Program/Plan 3 on page 2.
- Under Education and Awareness, Page 2, add some kind of public safety training language.

##### United:

- Under Education and Awareness – Data, replace “decreasing the cost of retirement benefits for rising elderly residents” with “its impact on the regional economy.
- Under Legislative Initiative Policy 1, Page 4: Revisit this language.

##### Vibrant

- Under Program/Plan 1, Page 2, add “good jobs”.
- Under Sustained Effort, Page 3, Effort 3, correct Agritourim to Agritourism.
- Under Sustained Effort, Page 3, Effort 4, add some language about “Plan Commissioners training” because there have been several changes to the commissioners.
- Under Partnership, Program/Plan add Governments after “Local”.

#### Communities Update

- Eman Ibrahim said NIRPC will soon be doing OCRA grants.
- George Topoll said there will be a presentation on the Willowcreek Road expansion in mid-January. He will provide details as soon as he gets them.
- Tom VanderWoude said Munster has drafted their Form-Based Code. Public meetings and a workshop will be held early next year.
- Kristina Kuzma said Purdue Extension is offering a community development program to train commission members.
- Greg Stinson said he can no longer chair the Land Use Committee on Wednesdays. The group will discuss changing the date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, every other month.

The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be on January 31, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the Dune Room.

Hearing no other business, Greg Stinson adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.