

Land Use Committee
NIRPC
November 15, 2023
Minutes

George Topoll called the Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

In attendance were George Topoll, Kevin Brietzke, and David Wright.

Staff present were Eman Ibrahim, Thomas Vander Woude, Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Flor Baum.

On motion by Kevin Brietzke, second by David Wright, the committee voted to approve the August 30, 2023 meeting minutes.

NIRPC Regional Update

Eman Ibrahim spoke on the Sensible Tools Handbook+ (STH+) update. The Technical Planning Committee approved recommending the STH+ to the Commission. However, minor changes, like the cover, were made to the handbook. The STH+ is slated to be presented to the Commission on December 7.

Eman and Charls Bradsky spoke on the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) criteria. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning, TOD Implementation, and Quality of Life sections of the NOFA were discussed. TOD planning is for projects in a TOD or around a transit station. TOD Implementation is for funding to construct transportation projects within the TOD area. Project types for Quality of Place include the following:

- Traffic Calming: treatments that reduce travel speed and improve ped/bike comfort.
- Divided highway conversion to boulevards: projects to improve the livability of FA arterial roadways.
- Inventory/control/removal of outdoor advertising: funds to reduce billboards or signage to improve beauty along FA roadways.
- Preservation of historic transportation facilities.
- Roadway expansion: widening of roadways to address congestion.
- Turnouts or overlooks: projects that provide for parking at scenic locations.

Adjustments to scoring criteria were made live for the Quality of Place and the Planning application. For more information, please contact Eman Ibrahim at eibrahim@nirpc.org.

Legislated updates were announced and are as follows: Senate Bill 349 - Overlapping allocation areas, House Bill 1333 - Annexation remonstrance signature requirements, Senate Bill 261 - Economic development districts, and House Bill 1453 - Climate solutions task force.

Announcements were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.