

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Members & Visitors: Michael Barry, Jeff Sheridan, George Malis, AJ Monroe, Nick Bellar, Mark Krentz, Greg Stinson, Sergio Mendoza, George Topol, Brian Poland, Tom VanderWoude

NIRPC Staff: Eman Ibrahim, Gabrielle Biciunas, Trey Wadsworth, Dominique Edwards, Carolyn Brown

Approval of the minutes of January 17, 2018

On motion by Mark Krentz minutes were approved and seconded by Jeff Sheridan.

Eman Ibrahim presented on the 2050 Plan Development Overview

1. The 2040 Plan will help NIRPC develop the 2050 Plan
2. The 2050 Plan will look at scenario plan based on transit.
3. Performance Based Plan is required by attunity and secular requirements, included with scenarios to invest strategies and solicitation fundings.

The kickoff of the 2050 Plan has been 8 years since the adoption of the 2040 Plan. We are required at NIRPC to have a new long range plan every 4 years. NIRPC uses the scenario plan of focus more on outreach, based on public input to identify strategies for criteria. The next plan is due May of 2019. We will use less resources and intense analysis than we used for the 2040 Plan. We will focus more on an outreach by using the Land Use Committee, Transportation Committee, Surface Committee, which will be the Steering Committee of the 2040 Plan, which will help us evaluate and also use public input to identify strategies for criteria. The Regional Land Use Plan is targeted for completion in May of 2019. NIRPC will have four public outreaches for the public to go over visions and goals to get public's opinions.

Gabrielle Biciunas presented on Regional Food System Council Update

The NWI Food Council Expo took place February 23 at County Line Orchard with people representing different organizations coming together to talk about different issues and projects on how to work together. Purdue Extension is compiling all the evaluations to know what connections were made and how to track them to include in our 2050 Plan. People were educated on how to access healthy foods in urban areas. GPTC did a presentation on their Metro Express Line they just launched. They will have Pop-Up Markets in a couple of areas in Gary that will help to address concerns about food access. The Thea Bowman Academy from Gary participated in a panel discussion about Farm to School, which was sponsored by the Legacy Foundation.

Marino Solorio presented on the East Chicago CLC

It wasn't until the cleanup of the Roxana Marsh that we realized a lot of land could be leveraged in conjunction to the proximity of the South Shore Train Station. The restoration of the Roxana Marsh started in 2011 and was completed in 2012, about \$52 millions was invested in the restoration. One hundred eight thousand contaminated sediments were removed from the Roxana Marsh. The goals were to improve transit access, housing and economic development in the area.

Communities Update

George Topol

The Union Township School Corporation received a grant for wetlands for enhancement for educational purposes and to enhance environmental developments.

Sergio Mendoza

Sergio announced that the dam did not break but it was damaged and it will be repaired. Hobart received an Opportunity Zone Grant, which will be paired with the Legacy Foundation grant.

There is an Open House for job opportunities on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 11am to 2 pm at the Police Substation at the Southlake Mall.

The Pennsy Bridge will be removed and widened to help with flooding. There is a Design Guideline meeting for the 61st Avenue and US 30 Corridor, which is scheduled for April 19, 2018 from 6 to 8.

A letter of support was submitted to Joe Exl in regards to the consecration zoning classification and the sub-area plan south of 61st Avenue.

Trey Wadsworth

The Unified Planning Work Program is out for Public Comment until April 4, 2018.

The next meeting is May 16, 2018 at 10am in the Dune Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.