



Committee Meeting ~ NIRPC
June 7, 2017

Members & Guests – Cary Kirkham, George Topoll, Mark Schreiber, Don Parker, Jeff sheidan, Jake Dammarell, Chris Moore, Dean Button, Ken Martin, Tim Hollandworth and Dalia Zygas.

Staff – Trey Wadsworth, Mitch Barloga, Dominique Edwards, Candi Eklund, Mary Thorne

Cary Kirkham called the meeting to order at 11:10 am with the pledge of allegiance and self-introductions.

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South Shore Trails Update – Don Parker said the strategic planning and visioning in advocating for non-motorized access throughout the region continues. The group is interested in all non-motorized efforts, traffic flow, old railroad rights of way and off street trails.

2018 Greenways+Blueways Map Update –

Mitch Barloga said the map is ready for printing and will be distributed in two to three weeks.

Pedal

Mitch Barloga presented an overview of NIRPC's 2050 Plan Development. Input was provided on wordsmithing and ways to achieve the goals. The next round of public activity will be held in August or September. The plan will go before the NIRPC Commission for adoption in May 2019.

Paddle

Mitch Barloga gave a report as provided by the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association. The calendar of events and other information can be found at <http://www.nwipa.org/events.html>.

Grab Bag

A. Project Updates – Updates were provided on trails in LaPorte and Hammond.

B. General Announcements

- Mitch Barloga gave an update on *Sign Me Up* projects on the Prairie Duneland Trail and the Erie Lackawana Trail, which will be a January letting.
- NIRPC is hosting a full-day Complete Streets workshop on July 20. There will be a fee and communities will have a policy to take back with them.
- NIRPC is working with the Legacy Foundation in Lake County on a trail art program. There is a new art project on a trail in Merrillville. We are working with the Porter and LaPorte County foundations.

- NIRPC received an achievement award for a medium metro area from the National Association of Regional Councils for the Greenways + Blueways 2020 Plan. NIRPC is working to get the public more involved.
- The double track project ends at South Bend, providing a possibility for their airport to become the third Chicagoland airport.
- The TIGER grant is now becoming the BUILD grant (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) . The application deadline is July 19 and we are resubmitting an application for the Marquette Greenway. Sponsorships are needed. Michigan raised \$500,000 for their four-mile project. The grant winners will be announced in December.

The next 3PC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 5, 2018. (SEE NOTE)

Hearing no further business, Cary Kirkham adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

NOTE: Due to the July 4th holiday, the July 5 meeting was cancelled on June 11 and notice was sent. The next scheduled meeting is for August 2 at 11:00 a.m.