

## **Transit Development District Steering Committee meeting February 20, 2019**

### **Location**

Purdue Tech Center, Crown Point, IN

### **Present**

Rich Murphy, Bernard Doyle, Marino Solorio, Scott Jefferson, Sarah Kobetis (for Karen Freeman-Wilson), Carolyn Saxton, Brian Poland, Dave Hollenbeck (acting chair)

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the February 20, 2019 were unanimously approved.

### **Regional Development Authority Update**

RDA COO Sherri Ziller introduced team members from Policy Analytics, KPMG and MSMK who would be working to draw up the TDDs. She laid out team roles for each partner as detailed on slide six from the meeting presentation.

Eric Lucas of MSMK was invited to provide further information about their company and examples of their projects. This was followed by a discussion of the process and workplan for drawing up the TDDs from KPMG's Oscar Bedolla. Eric would return to talk about best practices and Oscar would follow again to talk about future information needs from the communities with TDDs.

Bill Sheldrake from Policy Analytics provided a summary of the state approval process for TDDs. Sheri would return to outline next steps.

### **CROSSTALK**

A question about when RDA would approach the state to get approval for a TDD was answered by Bill Sheldrake, who noted that the state budget committee, which reviews proposed RDA projects, meets throughout the year and as it is easier to get on their schedule then, RDA would likely present the final TDD layouts to them while the legislature was out of session.

Hammond rep Brian Poland asked if there would be two meetings for each station area in Hammond, or just two for both. The answer was the former.

Carolyn Saxton from Ogden Dunes raised the issue of potential parking problems at the Ogden Dunes station that Portage was also concerned and working with NICTD on the issue and

requested assistance moving forward. She said their police department does not have the infrastructure to handle the parking problem and the town needs clarification on the issue before it can even begin to consider development.

The meeting was adjourned.