



Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee

Date: May 23, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Steering Committee Members:

Kirt Briggs (E)	X	Mickey Choudek (W)	X	Bob Crawford (T)	X
Bob Coughlen (H)	X	Josh Johnson (T)		Darren Kermes (W)	
Jamie Thelen		Kami Thompson (E)	X	Bethany Tjornhom	
Jon Ulrich (T)		Jane Victorey (T)		Jane Wiley (T)	X
Mike Waldo (H)	X				

Staff:

Tracy Cervenka	X	Brad Davis		Lisa Freese (T)	X
Jake Grussing	X	Kathy Nielsen	X	Barb Dahl (W)	X

Work Group Updates:

Bob Coughlen reported that the Housing Work Group identified their top action items to work on and assigned members to prepare action worksheets for those items. He noted business engagement, education related to the Comprehensive Plan, and rentals. The members also discussed cross-pillars and see a connection with the Transportation Work Group related to education on comprehensive plans. Bob requested Work Groups provide him with any Action Requests that touch the Housing Work Group. Mike Waldo noted they also had discussion around 18-24 year-olds and the lack of rentals in the community, which is key to this demographic.

Barb Dahl reported that the Workforce Readiness Work Group is also identifying action items. She noted developing connections between employers and school districts, educating students on available careers and parents on career pathway options, exploring post-secondary options within the County, identifying reasons the unemployment rate is higher among 18-24 year olds wishing to be in the workforce, strengthening career pathways, and exploring an employer survey.

Kami Thompson reported that the Education Work Group will be meeting this evening and will have a presentation by leaders of an initiative in Dakota County that focuses on Birth-age 8. This partnership involves Dakota County and school districts. Staff has invited school districts to attend this meeting.

Barb Dahl noted that there could be the potential for alignment of data sharing so schools know if a family is receiving social services.

Bob Crawford reported that the Transportation Work Group is working to support other groups' needs as they relate to transportation. The expanded weekend and evening Dial-A-Ride Service was discussed. Jane Wiley noted her concern that people are not able to do their scheduling after 3:30 p.m. on Friday. Bob Crawford noted that they are currently looking into on-line scheduling.

Mickey Choudek voiced her support for all Work Groups to support each other. For example, can someone from each pillar contribute to the Comprehensive Plan Education effort? There was discussion supporting this as a potential cross-pillar workgroup.

The group discussed the Tech Team ability to be a resource and the limitations. Brad Davis is the contact person when reaching out to the Tech Team. Lisa Freese stressed that staff (i.e. Tech Team) needs the help of Committee members in providing information to policy makers about the need for changes. Kirt Briggs noted that the SCALE Executive Committee has asked for a "road show" about the value of SCALE, and information about the 50 by 30: Live Learn Earn initiative should be a part of that.

Discussion of Letter of Support Policy:

Kathy Nielsen presented the draft Letter of Support Policy, which was drafted based on previous direction from the SCALE Executive Committee. She will bring this to the SCALE Executive Committee in early June for ratification. There was consensus to move this Policy forward to the SCALE Executive Committee.

Appointment of New Steering Committee Chairs:

Kathy Nielsen announced that Mickey Choudek and Bob Coughlen have agreed to be co-chairs of the Steering Committee.

Other:

- Kathy encouraged everyone to carver out some time to visit a work group you are not already a member of in order to get a fuller picture. Tracy will send out information about each work group's meeting schedule.
- The Project Team is currently working on preparing high-level, county-wide shared measures. Information on those shared measures will be brought to a future Steering Committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 10:30-Noon.