



Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee

Date: September 27, 2016

Time: 10:30 a.m. - Noon

Location: Prior Lake City Hall

Steering Committee Members:

Josh Berg		Tim Dittberner	X	Dave Frazier	
Rick Keeney		Mike McGee	X	Kathy Nielsen	X
Jamie Thelen		Jon Ulrich	X	Jane Victorey	
Jane Wiley	X				

Working Group Chairs:

Mike Waldo (H)		Bob Coughlen (H)	X	Darren Kermes (W)	
Michelle Choudek (W)	X	Kami Thompson (E)		Bob Crawford (T)	X
Josh Johnson (T)	X				

Staff Members:

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

Agenda Item 1: Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2: Updates from Working Groups

Bob Coughlen gave an update on behalf of the Housing Working Group. The Group continues to have presentations and is learning where “we” fit in relation to the region. At their last meeting, they had a presentation from MN Housing. Their next meeting will include a presentation on the Maxfield Study. The Group is planning next to identify needs, understand available programs, and identify methods to work with communities. They would like to obtain cooperation from all groups via a presentation from Live Learn Earn. The Group would like to have the Steering Committee identify projects. Michelle Choudek stated that it is as important to identify the “WHY” it is needed as well as how the lack of housing affects the whole. Kathy Nielsen agreed, saying all groups should keep that perspective in mind going forward. Jon Ulrich raised the issue of an overall understanding of the burden placed on a

community due to lower paying jobs. Bob Coughlen added that the Group has discussed incentives from businesses such as on-site daycare, medical centers, and apartments. They have also discussed obstacles that get in the way of development, such as the cost of building permits.

Barb Dahl provided a report on behalf of the Workforce Readiness Working Group. At their last meeting, Tim O’Neill from MnDEED presented information on emerging trends. They looked specifically at the 16-24 year old age group to see where there are disparities and the contributing factors. She noted that the response to the survey conducted of ValleyFair employees was low. Tim Wynes from Minnesota State would like to host a manufacturing event in Scott County this fall that would include local businesses such as Chart, Emerson, and Shutterfly. Jon Ulrich asked if high schools hold summer job fairs. Barb Dahl said she would explore the idea. In response to Bob Coughlen’s question, Barb Dahl responded that she will post the youth trend data once it is updated.

Jake Grussing gave the Educational Preparedness Working Group’s update. The Group is meeting tonight – they will be discussing determining their focus. For example, is it birth-5 – should it be health, literacy, or something else? They have reached out to the Superintendent of the Prior Lake Savage Area Schools in an effort to engage the schools more in the area of kindergarten through 3rd grade teachers. Jake Grussing advised the group that Scott County received a \$50,000 grant from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for mobile literacy services. Scott County also \$135,000 from a trust, which could be used for the remainder of those costs. The Educational Preparedness Working Group will be discussing how/where to focus that service. In order to provide mobile services, the cost would be \$185,000.

Bob Crawford provided an update from the Transportation Working Group. The Group has focused on three ideas. The first is to promote the 495 route – which travels from the Mall of America to Marschall Road. Bob Coughlen asked about the group’s focus on transit. Jon Ulrich clarified that the group discussed all types of transportation and noted the study underway related to Highway 169 which should result in some lower cost improvements. Josh Johnson stressed the importance for Scott County to be connected to the region via transit. He stated that the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is providing last mile transportation for people from the Marschall Road Transit Station to their jobs at Mystic Lake.

Other:

Bob Coughlen inquired about the mission statement, asking if 50 By 30 is the final end goal. Kathy Nielsen referenced the Charter, which sets forth the overall picture. Mike McGee said he doesn’t think there is a goal line. We need to know the baseline and that we are making progress, but it is difficult to know when we have hit the end. Following discussion, Kathy Nielsen stated she feels the group may need a refresher on the process. It is important not to skip steps and get ahead of the process. She asked that staff distribute the process checklist to members.

We are planning a conversation with Merita from the Forum for Youth Investment at the November meeting. Please think about topics and/or questions you would like to be a part of that.

Agenda Item 3: Large Group Meeting Planning

Kathy Nielsen requested each Working Group designate one person to work on a small subcommittee to prepare for the large group meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 from 10:30am–Noon; Prior Lake City Hall.