



Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee

Date: October 31, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m. – Noon

Location: Shakopee City Hall

Steering Committee Members:

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

Staff:

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

Guests:

Marnita Schroedl	X	Sammi Ardito Rivera	X		
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Work Group Updates:

James Eriksrud provided an update from the Housing Work Group. The group discussed how they can impact affordable housing including market forces and legislative goals.

Brad Larson provided an update from the Transportation Work Group. He noted that that the group is looking at how communities address the last mile connection. At their November meeting, they will be looking at and discussing trial plans within some of the cities.

Barb Dahl provided an update from the Workforce Readiness Work Group. The group is discussing developing an action plan related to the high unemployment of 18-24 year olds including developing a better connection between the school districts and local employers, educating students on careers, and educating parents on career pathway options. They are in the process of completing an employer survey which has included input from each work group.

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Kami Thompson provided an update from the Educational Preparedness Work Group. The group is in the process of gathering information from school districts related to preschool screening. This will help toward their goal of no Kindergarten surprises. They discussed community outreach and building relationships.

Open Discussion:

Bob Coughlen celebrated the announcement of MN Housing Tax Credits for two projects in Scott County, which recognized of the support of the community. These two projects will bring 111 new affordable housing units to Scott County.

Kathy Nielsen and Jon Ulrich provided highlights of the FISH Faith Luncheon attended by 34 members of the faith community. 50 by 30 members were in attendance and able to dialogue about their experiences and partnership opportunities.

Bob Coughlen noted the Shakopee Diversity Alliance community engagement event about housing and transportation.

Mike Waldo advised that through his role on the Builders Association he was on a panel in Dakota County sponsored by two legislators related to affordable housing.

Community Engagement – Marnita’s Table Discussion:

The group provided feedback on experiences at the recent Public Health IZI and/or IZI training session. Comments about the Public Health IZI included amazement at the large number of people in attendance and the high percentage of diversity at the IZI. Eric Weiss noted an outcome from that meeting – after hearing from attendees that children are playing soccer in unlit parks, the City of Shakopee is now turning on those lights to provide a safer environment.

The intention for the next meeting is to discuss the goals this group would like for the three upcoming IZI’s. Based on those goals, Marnita’s Table will prepare activities to get there. Review the suggested goals (distributed) and choose 3-4 that would be your highest priority outcomes for this initiative. In addition, identify a personal goal for your individual IZI experience. Kathy Nielsen asked everyone to give some thought to micro-segments of the community that should be invited to attend an IZI as well as possible locations throughout the County for hosting an IZI.

Jon Ulrich asked about additional training sessions, and inquired if one could be held locally.

The next meeting will be held **Friday, December 8** from 11:00am-1:00pm.

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