



Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee

Date: August 22, 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	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)		Joe Vaughan	X
Jane Victorey (T)		Jane Wiley (T)	X	Mike Waldo (H)	

Staff:

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

New Members:

Two new members were introduced and welcomed to the Steering Committee: Joe Vaughan from the CAP Agency, and James Eriksrud from Klein Bank, who is the new co-chair of the Housing Work Group.

Report on Life Cycle Housing Presentations to City Councils:

Stacy Crakes provided a report on the housing education presentations to the city councils and county board. The purpose of the presentations was to give information to assist with their updates of the Comprehensive Plan Housing and Economic Development chapters. The presentations included life cycle housing, the definition of affordable housing, changing demographics, the labor force, jobs in Scott County, where our residents work, and where our workers reside. Stacy shared her desire after these presentations is that people see the jobs that are in Scott County and the need to be able to fill ALL jobs as well as the need for all types of housing. She noted the connections between the Workforce Readiness and Transportation Work Group and their upcoming meeting to discuss partnering and that there should be more discussions between the Workforce Readiness and Housing Work Groups.

Kathy Nielsen noted an article in the August 20 edition of the StarTribune related to housing that showed a significant divide based on race. She also suggested telling the story/showing the face of a resident living in affordable housing, which was supported by the group. She shared a recent suggestion to her about the importance of educating bus owners on how to advocate for affordable housing.

Work Group Updates:

Scott County is a place where people are stable, connected, educated, and contributing

Housing:

James Eriksrud advised that the group is sharing their Housing Policy Statements with other pillars to ensure all views are represented and plan to finalize the Statements at their next meeting. Next meetings will include information and discussion on the rental side of housing. Next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Workforce Readiness:

Barb Dahl reported that the group is working on the employer survey including discussions with chambers to ensure they have accurate data. They are in the process of mapping where workforce readiness is happening and being supported (i.e. libraries). She noted that a subcommittee consisting of representation from each Work Group is working to prepare the survey. Next meeting is a joint meeting with the Transportation Work Group on September 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Educational Preparedness:

Kami Thompson stated that the group discussed the previous presentation by Dakota County. Claire Robling also presented information on legislation passed in 2017 that provides the ability to exchange information across Human Services and Education in order to identify kids who may be at risk. Jake Grussing and Claire Robling will talk with the County Attorney's Office for an interpretation of the legislation. Kirt Briggs advised that the Group is focusing on no Kindergarten surprises in order to encourage screening and provision of any needed services. Kami Thompson reported they are making a list of resources for parents to link to services. Next meeting is August 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Transportation:

Josh Johnson reported that the Transportation Group did not meet in July. He and other members of the group are speaking at the Public Transit Conference about their public/private partnership. Next meeting is a joint meeting with the Workforce Readiness Work Group on September 12 at 11:00 a.m.

Community Engagement:

Kathy Nielsen referenced the Community Engagement Action Plan handout. The first item in the Plan is to define the scope of the engagement. At the last Steering Committee meeting, this group agreed the scope should be families living on the margin and doing that via families utilizing food support. She is currently working to engage leaders in the community to form relationships. Next is to recruit a team to assist in developing the "who" and "how" to engage. In response to Kirt Briggs' concerns about the perception of focus on a single population, Kathy highlighted the recent and ongoing engagement of both employers and high school students. She also noted that the collective impact process requires us to elevate the populations struggling most to a position of empowerment – to have a voice and reshape the direction. The hope is for those not where they want to be - get to where they want to be. Kami Thompson suggested engaging Todd Otis in the community engagement efforts.

Shared Measures Dashboard:

Kathy Nielsen reviewed the 2017 Indicators Dashboard handout. This document includes shared metrics to track progress over time on key indicators. Kathy will share this with the SCALE Executive Committee on September 1.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26 from 10:30-Noon.