

Growth and planning
September 13th 3:30-5pm

Attendees: Cindy Cook, SaraBeth Drybread, Susan Kriese, Eric Leuger, Willie Matis, Kevin McGinnis, Dana Monson, Steve Powell, Bob Seifker, Karri Steckler, Tina Stephens, Eric Vermillion, Jack Russell, Jordan Shea, and Lydia Tarr (15)

Member & Guest Introductions - Karri

Time to refresh our G&P Mission and Goal Statements for the Aspire website - Karri

Everyone received a paper that had the new “We Believe...” statements that the Community Engagement Team created to replace their previous Goal Statements. As we talk today and over the coming weeks, please jot your thoughts down and give them to Willie and I (Karri) so we can review everyone’s input, find the common themes, and use those to develop key “We Believe...” statements that we can come back and present to the group at our October meeting.

“The ASK” – please review the Community Engagement Teams information and submit your ideas for our “We Believe...” statements as soon as possible.

I-69 Corridor update – Dana

If you have not had the chance to, please review the announcement made by Governor Holcomb on 9/4/18; the article shares that the plan is to accelerate the completion of the 1-69 expansion project by 3 years; completion date of 2024 instead of 2027

With this in mind it will be even more important that we focus efforts on having Community Conversations on this topic between now and the end of the year. The Community Engagement Team’s Voice of the Community group has offered to support this effort and help to coordinate with the G&P team for these events

INDOT Public Input Meeting for Martinsville is on Monday, September 17 at 6:00pm at Auditorium at Martinsville H.S.

“The ASK” – we need 2-3 volunteers to form a small group that can partner with our Community Engagement Team/Voice of the Community members to start work on these events.

Trails update – Willie (& Carmen provided by email)

Revenue development is still taking place. Match opportunity from the community foundation which wants us to raise an additional \$25,000 to match with their \$25,000. We are continuing to look for ways to raise the additional \$25,000 – currently leveraging social media campaign, but also looking at other fund-raising opportunities. 5K Run in Edinburgh? SaraBeth Drybread likes the idea and would be willing to help coordinate. Let Carmen, Willie and Dana know if you know someone that might be willing to donate or offers a grant that we could apply for. There is an interest form on the Facebook page and Johnson County Trails website to give their information if people want to get involved.

Epics Program Application final review/draft should be complete next week (Bob Seifker)

“The ASK” – please follow/like/share the Johnson County Trails social media pages in an effort to close the gap on our final push to raise the \$100K in donations

Stellar Communities Grant Program – SaraBeth Drybread, Stephen Powell, Cindy Cook

Team reviewed a huge amount of information related to the program and created a one page documents with some highlights of what direction we might take based on the preliminary review. However, there are more questions now than when we started. The program is much different than in previous years, so reaching out to past winners/finalists as a resource has not been as helpful. The team plans to reach out to some key contacts in the areas that are current 2018 finalists (Fayette, Randolph, Rush, Wayne, and Union counties...to see what information they might be able to share with us regarding their experience going through the application process for the program in 2018.

Deadline to submit is April 2019 or we may have to look at April 2020 based on the scope of work that must be done. The group will continue to strive toward applying in 2019 if at all possible.

“The ASK” – please review requirements and offer your connections, projects suggestions, and ideas

Johnson County Business Development Event – Dana & Teresa

On hold

Collaboration – Kevin McGinnis

Meetings continue and are well attended – recent topics have revolved around budget planning for 2019 & road projects

Co-working Spaces – Eric Vermillion & Eric Leuger

The Elevator has hired their first employee, Jordan Shea; Jordan will be the Community Coordinator. They believe that they will be ready for opening on 9/20. The space is currently being utilized, but this will be when they start accepting memberships. They already have several individuals and business that are interested in memberships. Costs have been determined \$99.00/month for 8 days/month OR \$149.00/month for unlimited use. Hours will be 6:00am -11:00pm.

Aspire large group meeting is on September 26th at GWD Community Center.
Next growth and planning meeting is October 11th from 3:30-5pm at The Elevator.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm

Minutes submitted by Karri Steckler