

Aspire Johnson County
Growth and Planning team
June 8, 2017

Attendance: Carmen Parker, Cindy Cook, Eric Vermilion, Debbie Luzier, Dana Monson, Kevin McGinnis, Steve Powell, Teresa Harwood, Jody Veldkamp, David Hittle, Christian Maslowski

WRT land use planning: plan was adopted and is now in use.

I 69 corridor and county thoroughfare update: Christian, Dana, Jody, Kevin and Forrest met with Sarah Rubin and Andy Dietrick about the current status of the project and what the county should be doing at this point in preparation for this road. The contract with HWC has not been executed yet, but is going to the commissioners to review the scope of work. There is not as much momentum and enthusiasm with the county officials for this plan, but David and Luke are supportive and want to see this done. There should be a funding timeline developed in 2-3 months. Once this is finalized, there is about a 2-year timeframe before the construction will begin. Funding decision should be done by 2020 then two to three years so construction will begin about 2023. The question for the county is which section will be done first. Since this is done in sections, there will be a lengthy construction period. Most people prefer to have this done sooner and be in the first sections to be completed. This will begin county benefit sooner. For the county, the plan will create increased traffic along Bluff Road, which is not able to handle in its current condition. There will also be more traffic through the Wakefield addition and will create need for infrastructure upgrades on Morgantown road as well.

Bargersville is part of the planning and will be working with HWC as part of the county plan. The state is creating and responsible for the main road but the locals are responsible for the local roads that are impacted by increased traffic, new traffic patterns etc. The locals must have a detailed plan on what has to be done to mitigate the traffic or upgrade the road. There is funding for the improvements but you must have a plan to request this funding.

One potential consequence to the construction is that there will be detours, construction zone accidents, etc. that will make travel difficult during this time frame. There is a greater likelihood of funding if the community is going to do the work before the I 69 work is begun. They will continue to work with the new plans that come online.

Jody and Forrest will share this information with the commissioners to keep them updated on the new information.

Trails connection: Active living workshop report has been delivered. Some suggestions include adding crosswalks near the school and at Main and Center street. The town has purchased some signs and signals for crosswalks which can be used for these ideas.

OCRA community grants: There are opportunities that need to be pursued, but some of the funding is not quite as applicable for the community. Steve can assist with this and look through the grant hub app for more opportunities.

Collaboration: the meetings are continuing and are still considered relevant. The ones who can't attend have very legitimate reasons to not be there.

QuickBooks workshop was discussed. 31 people have registered to attend.

