

Growth and Planning
May 9, 2019
The Elevator

Attendees: Dana, Jennifer, Jordan Shae, Willie Matis, Cindy Cook, Mike Wright, Buck Ritz, Karrie Steckler, Eric Leugers

Introductions

Pitch contest meeting- very productive- what do we want it to look like, various steps of the process. Mike- wanted to have action steps. It was a good introductory meeting. Dana said there were a lot of different options to discuss. Different options? Time frame for the event? So many other things that go on throughout the year. Mike- want it to be useful for the people that will use it. Dana- had too tight a timeline. Jordan- wanted to spread it out to give attendees more time to execute. Maybe looking more towards Spring rather than Fall. Karrie- pitch contest will be end the result of multiple workshops for the participants. Have to think about the timing, number and spacing of events. Next meeting May 20th at 3pm. Willie- know it's not going to be perfect the first time we try it. Put something out there- you can perfect it over time. Jordan- it's not a one and done. We want to do it yearly. Karrie- it will evolve and could end up looking completely different over time.

I-69- Karrie reached out to Neil Vantrees. Got close to setting date/times to get together with Willie and Karrie. Dana said that County did not get community crossings grant. They wanted to use grant funding to help with Morgantown Road. They are back to starting all over (maybe applying next year)? Possibly impose the LIT tax, but that's up to the county council. Nobody is up for election so it's a good time to discuss- Josh McCarty and Rob Henderson are sponsoring it. Jennifer has invited Rob to speak about LIT at a Large Group Aspire meeting. Willie- what should be on their radar- Dana keep an eye on decision by county council. Most viable means of getting this done. Talking about forming the TIF district, but that would take a while to build up. We need people to understand what LIT is and what it can help the county do. Willie- Could we trim the video from Larry DeBoer or do something new to explain how LIT works? Dana has already seen letters to the editor about paying for road improvements in White River Township- definitely need education. Karrie likes the idea about retouching people regarding I-69. Karrie spoke to someone and directed them to I-69. Plan that is on the county's website is good and very detailed. Buck- INDOT keeps a very updated document about what's happening on I-69.

Trails- Rock The Block raised \$5000 for the trails plan. Karrie said that it was very well attended- about 1700 people. Gave away more dollars this year than in years past- more than \$29,000 total. Jason Griffith led stakeholder meetings today. Cindy was there from start to finish -about 30 people attended. Talked to Government, Organizations, and Economic Development/ businesses. 3 different groups marking on a large map and they all came up with a similar route. In the next 2 weeks, we're going to have public input meetings, where anyone can attend to discuss where they want to go, biggest concerns. May 16- White River Library 3-6:30pm, May 21- The Elevator 3-7pm, May 23rd- Trafalgar Library 3-7pm.

Heard today that the road riders (bikers) like to ride in the southwestern part to ride loops around the county (no chip and seal roads). Also have connections from library to parks, etc. Cindy- the government group was the largest this morning. Sat in on one of the small discussions- started off differently, but eventually they all ended about the same way. Just need to come up with the funding/

sponsorships. Simon property group at the outlet mall is interested in trails. Had representatives from Farm Bureau, didn't see that there would be an issue with the farmers.

Was there any concern about crime against trail users? When you get the actual numbers from the Monon Trail about the people that use it vs. the crime statistics, it's actually very low. Maintenance is an issue- mowing, snow removal. Buck- if you don't have trails, people can get hurt in the street. Their company was involved in submitting a project near Jefferson Street- over \$1 million dollars.

Consider bringing a guest to the July meeting?

Team is sponsored by the Elevator and Leugers insurance. Have been staying busy with 7 co-workers. What is most important to the co-workers? People are wanting a space where they can go and focus and not be interrupted. Meeting space is really important too- corporate meetings, strategic planning events, etc. Plan to create an ongoing business event for the community. Jordan is working with Downtown Franklin Business District. Boutiques want to host pop-up shops here during the Daily Journal Block Party.

Dana saw a coworking space in Minneapolis- used to be the space for farmers to sell their grain. Had phone booths that were saved. Eric talked about putting a phone booth in the current elevator. Approximately half are still asking for private office space. Goal is to expand next door eventually with 15-20 private offices. Probably would be long-term rentals.

Eric- putting a new kiosk screen in front window (touch screen) for listings. Can also post community information or events. Multiple LED monitors that can highlight local businesses. Let Eric know if we want information on there.

Start-Ed up meeting- Jordan- try to have student event in Fall. Need teachers that are on board. Goal is for Eric to come up with someone from Businesses that is involved with non-profits, and then a connection from within the schools. Invite non-profits to come in and pitch a need to students. Karrie suggested Endress+Hauser- very tied in the schools. Eric mentioned that LJC is starting the youth leadership program in the Fall as well.

Buck liked the Elevator co-working concept- don't have anything like that in Columbus.

Karrie- next meeting will share our piece of the strategic plan from Aspire. Will get input from the group next month to add. Then in July, will invited everyone to bring a guest to the meeting. Shared that Dana's presentation at the last Aspire meeting was really informative. Jennifer shared that the large group meeting for this month will be panel discussing poverty and its impact on early childhood on May 22nd from 8-9:30am at Johnson County REMC.

Next Growth and Planning meeting June 13th from 3:30-5pm at the Elevator.