

Growth and Planning meeting January 11, 2018  
Bailey and Wood, Whiteland

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Change in co-chairs for 2018- Teresa is stepping down and Karri is coming on with Eric. Eric will stay on until March or April when a new co-chair will need to be found.

Eric lead group discussion on 2017 Year in Review- What committee members were here at the start of 2017? Carmen came on in March/April. Toby & Willie August/ Sept, Karri and Sam- June. 28 attendees throughout the year (Already removed some that are no longer involved). Added trails initiative in 2017, I-69 corridor maintained and pushed influence, County Thoroughfare Study- Smith Valley road and crucial areas in White River Township, Changed name from Infrastructure to Growth and Planning, Collaboration continued between municipalities due to Kevin coordinating, QuickBooks workshop series, still have ideas going forward into 2018. Aspire had a really good year- good attendance and “tour of the county” topics.

Great to reflect back on what we did in 2017, even if we aren't recognized publicly. What do we want our main objectives to be in 2018? 5 major initiatives that are carrying over: I69, Trails, Collaboration, Business Development Event, Co-working spaces. Are there any potential projects or something that you want to take a break from so that we can start a new project? How many initiatives that we want to be involved in? Discussion about:

- How to get more people involved and engaged? Jennifer talked about the newsletter that will go out to all of Aspire to recap that month of team meetings and large group meeting.
- Sam- going to different neighborhood associations and talking to people
- Carmen- have we looked at where people work/ live to see what areas are missing
- Co-chairs need to be residents, but volunteers can live or work anywhere. Have done a bring a friend meeting in the past.

Trails, Johnson County Showcase, I-69, Collaboration are still working on these projects. Co-working spaces- is that one we want to keep on the agenda? One in Greenwood now up and running, some in Franklin coming soon. Incubator for small businesses in one common area with small overhead- general business, tech, science themes. Greenwood Greenhouse- struggling to get individuals in as well as someone to run the facility. We could help connect people? Don't give up on this project just yet. Value in not having too many initiatives on our agenda- easier to communicate to others. Business Development Event will need the most resources for 2018. Co-working spaces: how many spaces are they trying to fill? Collaboration and Co-working topics might be more passive projects that we just give updates on.

I-69 Corridor and County Thoroughfares- David- HWC consultant, steering committee meets Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. HWC has been meeting with Stakeholders- e.g. school systems. To completed Aug 2018.

Working on county thoroughfare plan, last revisited in 2011. Finds needed county road improvement projects and prioritizes them-Projects coincide. Sam and Cindy are on the steering committee and can give updates next month.

Trails- Carmen, Willie - Yesterday (1-10) had a first meeting of the minds to discuss collaboration- all municipalities and county in the room. 1 ½ hour meeting. Back in Sept met with Hancock county to learn about their countywide master trail plan. First time they heard the idea; talked about what we've been doing and desire to develop plan with our goals in mind. Hancock county has \$90,000 in the bank from different entities to put towards paying for a plan (1 year ahead of us). Try to show collaboration to encourage most dollars. Discussed road blocks and concerns- land acquisition. Will meet with them individually to sign a MOU- will have a financial component. All municipalities want to see a comprehensive plan. Whiteland and New Whiteland don't have a master trail plan. We hopefully can do it as a county to assist. What is the benefit to Franklin and Greenwood? It's the connectivity. Greenwood's plan is actually from the 1980's but it's not completed yet. US 31 is now a TIF district in Franklin to put trails along US31. Sidewalks as trails? In Greenwood defined as trail 8', 4' off the curb...sidewalks don't meet that

How to build presence and buy-in with community and municipalities. Developed logo and 5 focus areas: health, safety, economic development, connectivity, family. Started FB page- asked - how far are you from a trail? Average was 3.5 miles. Wouldn't it be great to just step out your door and get on a trail? Lastly, what do we do with people that want to be involved? Fund development committee, marketing committee, etc. What type of events to attend to gain followers to build grassroots support. Rock-the-Block- gave a proposal in October to Erin. Erin really wants to see the marketing, but we don't have a physical trail plan yet. Karri was in attendance at the first Rock-the-Block meeting. Wants a lot of visibility and are still looking; Need to make a decision in the next 60 days. Erin is very supportive of this project, but we may just not be there yet in 2018. Not completely out of the running just yet. Need twenty runners or walkers to participate to earn donations. Karri will talk to Erin for clarification on non-profit requirements. Cindy would like to see Rock the Block funding- Independence Park could connect to neighborhoods (county property). Maybe could use the utility easement to build a trail under. Carmen will look into this. Willie- overheard in the meeting- don't want to be only town that doesn't participate.

Johnson County Showcase- Teresa, Dana- will need to add people to that subcommittee. With I-69 coming in, who do we want to attract? What are those businesses looking for? What is the important message? co-working spaces, mock trail plan (if ready), I-69 plan. Development and redevelopment will be pushed by I-69 and need to create a vision as to what they want developed along I-69. Connectivity with outdoor environment in flood plain- Eagle nest sites, reclaimed wetland, etc. Retail- If people are wanting a shopping experience. Would be nice for people to have a trail nearby. Is it premature to plan this when the county thoroughfare isn't completed? We might want to do this in September and do every year or every other year. Probably have to grow organically over time with great attendance. Teresa really wants to take this project on.

Cindy- 1 month ago saw an announcement by a company to open headquarters in Columbus (after Edinburgh Aspire meeting) 500 new jobs. Connected to Cummins- tech company? Lots at Edinburgh Golf Course- Wade Robson connect with executives to promote home sales?

Considering a new location? Everyone likes Bailey and Wood location. Karri is open if we know of anything else.

Next meeting-Growth and Planning- at Bailey and Wood February 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5pm.  
Large group Aspire January 24 8-9:30am Legends Golf Course (side building)

Meeting adjourned at 5pm. Minutes by Jennifer Hollingshead