

**Growth and planning**  
**The Elevator**  
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Jennifer, Jordan, Willie, Jill, Iddo, Mike, Cindy, Karri

Jill wrote amazing article after I69 event in January. We're glad to have Jill with us.

Membership discussion- Jennifer updated the Growth and Planning flyer. Take out paragraph about I-69 and update with info on trails, housing, connectivity. Pitch contest.

Karri-We have potential opportunities for topics. Iddo has had questions explaining what growth and planning does. Influencers to leaders and connectors to educate the public. Willie- everything that we have been working on has been adopted. Want to make sure that plans don't sit on a shelf. Willie- HWC plan has been adopted. Next level- how do we continue to influence

New opportunity for education. What's missing? How do we get people more comfortable and not to be NIMBY's?

Willie- what do you think Growth and Planning can be? Trails, transportation, I-69 communication. Can we steer policy? We have educated the public; those items have been adopted. Our action steps need to change. Iddo- what is the 5-10-year plan? David said that there is a plan that has been adopted. Our goal was to get the highway dept. going on a plan, needing the commissioners to fund. Willie- If it's lacking, maybe we add it as a bullet point?

Jill- 3 more meetings by INDOT. People don't still know or understand. From the top of the hour, explain what's be done? HWC plan is awesome but need to actually do it. Karri- expectation by the general public that they don't need to educate themselves. Do we need to continue to bridge the gap? Iddo- I-69 is going to be finished in 5 years, but infrastructure won't. Do we need to take on infrastructure? Karri said that some people were upset in January that we talked about funding.

Concern about the county road planning. Is anyone doing anything? Where does that stand? Governor Holcomb announced Next Level Roads funding. Johnson County got \$1 million dollars- is any of that going to this project?

Willie- Set us up for the next few meetings – how would you suggest- Jody, David, Eric Vermilion were very involved in the I-69 discussion. More of the focus now, is what is happening with the thoroughfare plan. What do we need to start and who is taking it on? Do we need to have a public meeting? Cindy- where are we now with funding? 5-year plan for growth and planning- bring elected officials in to understand what their action steps are. Evolution could happen- connectivity team- roads+ trails. Anyone that wants to fill it could reach out to Neil Van Tress or Ron West to find out the latest. Be the squeaky wheel that continues to be that and keep things going on I-69 and local roads.

Karri- have to grow membership- we can't tackle every problem that the county has. Karri and Wille are coming up on their 2 years to take over leadership. Need more succession, more people to attend. There was an opportunity for more guests and for more work to be done. There is only so much you can do if you don't have more volunteers.

The flyer will allow us to let people know what we're tackling. Jill likes Dollyne's monthly emails.

Willie- think about if that's something you're passionate about, getting info from electing officials and volunteer.

County, connectivity, transportation- need 1 or 2 people to take on this subcommittee. Housing will be a separate line item.

Jennifer connect with Willie to work more on the flyer. If anyone has suggestions, let Jennifer know.

Pitch contest- taking place on May 14 6-8:30pm at the Artcraft Theater

Trails- Willie- meeting is scheduled Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 8-10am. Carmen is leading. Now that it has been adopted, we don't want the plan to collect dust.

Red Line- discussion- stops at the Greenwood mall. Resistance to get it to go beyond. Bus service along Madison Ave is stopping. Could be public/ transit discussion. Something that needs to be on there until someone steps up and grabs it. Mike- identify items that are on the horizon that could be an issue. Not a fan of the red line but it does provide transportation opportunities to get around the metropolitan area. Iddo- our public transportation isn't great in Johnson County. Is it us that looks at small business? Red Line- low income workers, to mall and work. Willie- we have some topics that go across teams- transportation has been talked about at the HR roundtable.

Trails, public transportation, I-69 local road funding, and trails

Cindy- tackled some projects outside, sharing with others what Aspire is doing and try to find more diverse membership.

Housing- September 25<sup>th</sup>- MIBOR, 2 Realtors, Steve Hatchell- Arbor homes. Attainable housing. Restrictions that add to costs of building in our community. Karri- Dana shared from Gibson county that they put in workforce housing. Kelsay farms- none of the builders were interested property. 25% of total cost of building homes is determined before ground is broken. Toyota in Gibson county help get the land prepared to absorb cost. Iddo- 1<sup>st</sup> section is the most expensive because you have to put in the infrastructure, utility connections. In Louisville, there was a fee you pay that offsets the costs for infrastructure. People are trying to come up with creative solutions.

Iddo they can't build for under \$200,000. Jordan- people in her age group can't afford \$150,000 homes. Karri- systemic problems- host of issues. There is an opportunity to be influencers.

Jill- 25% of home costs are because of infrastructure or restrictions? She said in her email that people don't want "affordable" housing down the street from them. They think it's going to affect the cost of their home. They might still be uncomfortable because they might not be the root reason. What do we suggest we do? Who wants to take that on and work on it outside this meeting? Jordan- pick a couple of states and see if they have solutions- NAR/ builder's association. What is working well? Then we can go to the elected officials and share what works. Jill- if we don't have good communication. People in Greenwood in Facebook groups- they have a vehicle to communicate. They are making things happen, namely, stopping projects. Maybe we need Facebook groups to be the positive? Jill is a communication person. In many situations, we need to rally people to do their jobs.

Iddo- what does attainable housing look like? The city wants people with higher income. Need to have a balance of housing for the youth and all incomes. At the southside MIBOR, they talked about student debt and debt to income ratio. Now they aren't able to buy houses until age 30-35 or later. Could MIBOR give us some statistical info? Something actionable? Willie- 100% agree that we need to have communication, but we need to do leg work for the reality for Johnson County. It's a huge problem, we can't solve it on our own. Do some research and bring it back to here. Maybe come up with a plan for 2021. Steve Burkhart could be a resource to help with housing. 400 houses are for sale in all of Johnson County. Inventory would dry up in 2 months. Difficult for builders because they can't find the labor to do the trades to build houses.

We could utilize some sub teams. County thoroughfares and Housing- fact finding. We've had 2 housing panels as the large group where we could get contacts.

**Action items:**

review flyer by our next meeting. Need flyer ready! Could use to invite the Greenwood chamber members to meetings, could we have our flyer out on a table? Does anyone else have ideas for the flyer? Jill will help us with the flyer and share thoughts to Jennifer.

Jill and Jordan – do a deep dive and come back with research on attainable housing. Steve Hatchel – share his email. Jennifer can get that to Jill and Jordan. Jill would like to see more bullet points on flyer.

October large group- recap of 2019 successes.

What are people most passionate about at the November meeting? JCCF is able to apply for funding from Lilly.