

September 12, 2019

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Welcome, Introductions- Karri

Redid our 3-year strategic plan in May. We've accomplished some things, wanted to review what we've done and refocus on things we haven't done yet.

3 categories- Diversity-

Accomplished: Sharing moment, bring a friend, Jennifer added events to chamber calendars.

Identify underrepresented areas -Q1 2020

County government or individuals to add value- made contacts. Reach out if you have a suggestion.

Target date- Q1 2020

Steve-Heard at the MIBOR presentation about groups meeting about roads. Ron West has said that Smith Valley Road gets widened. Greenwood talking about Smith Valley and 135. Growing Whiteland road. Is there a central accountability?

Karri- when is the next time we want to host another I-69 community conversation? She sees the issues as funding. There is a recommendation from the engineering firm on the top 20 things that need to be addressed. Could be tax increase but haven't seen a lot of support for that. Maybe some people from Aspire make up these other groups that are meeting to talk about local roads.

Steve-Since the Chamber and Aspire have merged, maybe they are aware, but it needs to be aired. No one has had the political will. 600 homes in Bargersville, could be another 2500 homes in White River township by the time I-69 opens.

Karri can share the plan from HWC- it's linked on our Aspire website too. Willie- what HWC came up with is what the county adopted. What they are trying to accomplish has been aired and publicized. Now we're getting down to the details about how to get it funded and how to move forward. Our next step is to have another opportunity about what has been adopted.

Community conversation- unified plan for transportation and amenities

Countywide trail plan- July done

Trail plan adoption- done Sept 2019

Communicate events ongoing

Bring a guest presentation- co-working and pitch contest Feb 2020

Pitch contest- Q2

Business entrepreneur resource guide- Q3

Maybe we'll review quarterly. Feel like we have a lot of balls up in the air.

Membership discussion- document or marketing materials that could be used. Have Growth and Planning document from I-69 event. What do we need to do to tweak it? Change to we believe statement. / goal statement

We believe statement at the top. Then being a part of the team details, then goals.

Willie said add belief statement, why join, 2 paragraphs- use content from website. Jennifer will redo document and get to Karri and Willie. Could they create a separate growth and planning email for 2020 or use info@aspirejohnsoncounty.org on their document

Pitch contest-

Mike- sponsorship of 1/2 (\$500) grand prize and offering free corporate tax return to winner. Horizon bank is sponsoring 1/2 (\$500). Jordan is working on call to action, promotional materials. At the most recent meeting changed approach to 1 training workshop with 2, 45-minute segments. May ask BOI to provide part of the training for business end. We need to find out what Jackie at BOI wants to present about. Judges are all set up – just have to confirm the dates. Hosting at the Artcraft on May 14th.

January 1st-open up for applications online. March 3rd-workshop. Ask them to have written docs submitted to us for final cuts by April 1st.

I-69-

Karri and Steve attended the Southside MIBOR meeting- Tim Miller from INDOT presented. Karri passed out maps of section 6 timeline. 5 contracts have been awarded. Karri is sharing her notes- expectation that it will be open to public 2024. South of Martinsville up to Smith Valley will be 4 lanes. Smith Valley up to Southport 6 lanes, Southport to 465- 4 lanes. Contract 1- s-line (access roads, over passes, underpasses). Main line is main project. Contract 2- Morgan county. Contract 3- Morgan county access road on west side of US37. Contract 4- Main line (I-69 construction up to Fairview). There will be a complete closure in Martinsville. No complete closure in Johnson County. Access points in Johnson County going down to 3. Talked about access road getting in place. Contract 5- Fairview to 465. 800 parcels impacted. Have had kitchen table conversations with 600+ so far. Offers are made 30-60 days later. Start condemnation process after 90 days. Want to exhaust all options before eminent domain. It's all approved and all funded. Will have surveys sent out in the mail, referenced the plan from HWC (aesthetics, sound barriers, etc.). Seeking public input in addition to the plan that was submitted by Johnson County. Can set up email or text alerts if you want to know before reading it from media outlets. Karri will attach info and map to meeting minutes in a word document. INDOT does pay relocation assistance to move. Each person has a relocation coordinator. If you object, you have the right to have an independent appraisal to be done.

Jordan suggested sharing the map of section 6 for our sharing moment.

Willie- what do we need to continue to do? Jennifer put on Aspire fb page? Do we need to do anything else to keep it top of mind? Karri- keep the conversation going and help answer questions. David- refer people to INDOT site. Call the highway department.

Willie- there are probably a lot of people in your shoes that want those answers. We can't change the 3 access points in Johnson County. We need to help people find the answers.

Karri- realtors said that their clients waiting for their money to come through so they can buy another house. She's been to the large group to hear the transportation panel. She wonders is there a need in January 2020 more along the lines of the transportation panel- talking about Red Line, Access Johnson County.

Willie agrees that we don't want to have a conversation just to do it. Maybe we need more direction from Dana. What stance do we want to take from the county? Jennifer mentioned are we done with I-69 for now based on what we set out to do regarding I-69 and Johnson County.

County thoroughfare plan- is it available online? Maybe that is an opportunity to help get information out there? David said that it's going to be super dry and not written for the layperson. Maybe the next thing is sending out the link and get it out there. It's an update to a 30-year-old guide on how roads should development in the county. Neil could probably give Willie a blurb for the sharing moment.

David struggles that Aspire is so well intentioned. So much is done and decided already. If you want to talk about transportation and the highway department isn't here, it's just a fan club. We need them involved in a meaningful way. Could be a great publicity arm and get information out to a large group of people. Willie seeing the bullet points evolve, making sure Johnson County was in the conversation. I-69 and thoroughfare is done and adopted. Trails is done and adopted. How do we evolve our mindset to help governmental arms to get their information out to people so they can understand, in a non-partisan way to tout the county.

Steve- Joe McGinnis's comment that 135 didn't need to be improved. Maybe we need to get state reps involved to make a presentation. Karri- We have to be careful support, provide information, don't want to be perceived as something else. Willie- they do send information out, but the public doesn't seek out that information.

David- plan prioritizes plans for the county, but the question is finding money to fund the projects.

Willie- We're talking about things now, so it happens 5 years from now. How do we look inwardly to pivot to the next project?

David- be careful, but he's pushing back that this group shouldn't have an opinion. There may come a time that Aspire needs to push back. It's hard to change mindsets. When you look at what Greenwood, Carmel, Westfield are doing, it's a better paradigm to do things.

Willie- since he's been here, a lot of the first meetings, were how can we lay the foundation to get those elected officials to hear public concerns. Now it's good, adopted, done. How do we maintain the commotion to keep the good pace?

Trails-

David-Regarding trails- commissioners were initially indifferent/ skeptical. Now we've moved them forward a bit to adopt the trails plan. Willie- we want to get things done not just put on a shelf.

Willie- Carmen and team will be meeting next Wednesday. Next steps- where are there funding opportunities and keep the wheels moving. Trails have been prioritized. David- such a feather in Aspire's cap! Other communities have staff to do this. Not an ounce of county money has gone into the plan. Huge accomplishment! You all have been very tenacious about making that happen.

Karri- does trail team need support from larger g&p team? Willie- will find out more next week. Looking at funding opportunities, possibly phase 2 -amenities on trail preferences. Questions that were raised during meetings: where benches are going to be, parking, what is lighting going to be. A lot of

those details will be up to the municipalities. Sam- has county highway been made aware? Willie- wherever there are new roads or widening roads, there need to be trails. David- we need to put pressure there because one person wants trails and the other doesn't in the county highway department. Discussions about speed limit, bike lane, shoulder, or even signage and a chevron on the pavement.

Steve- Saw presentation about trails at Greenwood rotary. That helps! That's good to develop community pressure.

Co-working spaces-

Mike is doing different workshops at The Elevator. His interest as an accountant is work with small start-up businesses. To have a place for someone to work, seek advice, collaboration, etc. His experience is co-working spaces don't turn out that way. He is doing Business Basics. Basic stuff that business owners need to know. The Elevator invited him to do it here at no charge. Started to get some response. Potential is there.

The Loft is another co-working space in the Approved Mortgage Building in Greenwood. There's another in Plainfield called Level Two. Would be great to get multiple groups together to push educational programs.

Next meeting Oct 10 3:30-5pm –at the Elevator

Large group- September 25 8-9:30am- Housing Panel at Franklin Community High School

Steve- nudging officials in a soft way. MIBOR does have a lobbyist, they might be a resource- Chris Prior (government affairs).