

Aspire Johnson County  
Growth and Planning  
January 12, 2017

Attendance: Forrest Mellot, David Hittle, Desiree Calderella, Teresa Harwood, Kevin McGinnis, Carmen Parker, Dana Monson, Cindy Cook, Eric Vermilion, Jody Veldkamp

Corridor and thoroughfare: Jody and Forrest.

Christian set up the meeting on January 23 for I 69 status with Luke, David, Ron west, Jody, and Forrest. Luke will have revised scoped to HWC for transportation plan. This will be an area for I 69 and then a second area for the entire county, dependent on federal funds. There is discussion of a county wide planning group to help coalesce the voices from the county and have a unified voice on decisions and plan.

Jody gave an update on a potential grant opportunity with smart growth America for technical assistance on creating complete streets plans for the municipalities. There will need to be education on what this policy is and how it really works. This needs to be done with residents as well as elected officials. There also needs to be an understanding of the reasons that some may not be on board.

Trails Connection: Carmen and Teresa

Whiteland has unofficially received an active living grant from Health by Design. The planning will begin after the official announcement next week. The goal is to work on a plan for a trails plan for Whiteland and then take this same process and materials and do the same for each of the other municipalities. Funding discussions will be held as part of this.

Small business resource workshop: Eric

Eric met with Christian to learn what they are doing. This could be a partnership in some areas but they already have a plan for the ones they do now and this may not be a good fit for now. There is a potential to hold a type of workshop around Quickbooks. This could be considered for an early summer event.

Makerspace/entrepreneurs: Eric

No report for this month.

Collaboration: Kevin

Last year there was great representation from the commissioners and town managers but poor from the mayors. Kevin has proposed a new location and time for everyone.

Presentation of large group meeting: Teresa

Will discuss this and work up ideas for a discussion on trails

New members:

Need to consider more folks to participate with the team.

Next meeting: February 9 at 3:30.