

**Growth & Planning**  
**Jan 10, 2019**  
**The Elevator**

**Karri, Cindy, Steve Powell, Jordan Shae, Eric V., Dana, Jennifer, Sara Beth**

**Welcome from Karri**

I-69 Community Conversation- rsvp 130+ maybe 20 more through our website. Jennifer copy and paste info from Next Door to Eric Vermilion. Last time had 164 people for I-69 meeting. Will be one more ad appearing in Saturday's Daily Journal. Jordan will share info again through Leugers and the Elevator encouraging people to attend and letting them know it will be live on Facebook. The live stream will be available on Facebook -Aspire page. We might be able to download it. Be sure to share the video afterwards. Cindy and Bonnie have both posted information on Next Door. Cindy also took copies of the flyer and posted at Strange brew, Starbucks, Big Red Liquors, Four Seasons, Tried and True Alehouse.

Jody has created 3 welcome slides. Banner for the Elevator is ready and will be at the event. Eric has 5 minutes and wants to promote Aspire Johnson County. What should he focus on? Dana said that she'll do an intro on Aspire and JCDC, Eric will go into what Aspire does and encourage to participate. Karri and Willie will be at the front table to encourage people to get involved with Aspire. Volunteers need to enter at door #9 "Hall of Excellence", the parking lot is right off of Stones Crossing road. Steve said there is a candidate night for Johnson County taking place the same night. Eric sent out more details for the panel as to what we want from them. Larry DeBoer asked for more details, so Eric forwarded request to Chris Hamm and he was able to answer. We'll have to keep aware of the speaking times, to make sure we have time for questions at the end. Eric has reconfirmed with the high school. They know we need a screen and a laptop, microphones. Jennifer said that Jody had mentioned that we need two screens, one for speaker slides and one for questions. Jody needs a contact to request the 2 screens from school. Jody will bring phone, Willie has an ipad to use. Questions will come from notecards, Jody's Google voice (through his laptop), and Facebook live (Willie is monitoring) Jennifer add Willie to Facebook admin. Willie will create a flyer on Aspire for the registration table. Jody was creating a flyer on how to submit questions with section 6 map on the back. Speakers have a deadline of Tuesday to get presentations to us (get to Jody). Do we need one more volunteer? Scott Horvath is available to help.

Flow- register table, learn about how to get involved, check out-

\* Jennifer - HWC large maps??, \*Reach out to Carmen to answer questions about trails \*Work Ready Communities \*General Aspire info at the tables.

Dana speech- thank you's to volunteers, school, panelist, sponsors.

Eric- quick intro on panelists

Byproduct of the meeting is educating the public. Real purpose is getting people together, questions from public are impetus for action. Do we follow up with a report on the meeting? Dana said that we'll do a press release afterwards. Jody will have captured the questions so we can create a Q&A so we can send out to all attendees. Could we put a link on the I-69 website with a video of the presentation? Steve will reach out to some local elected officials and police chief. \*Jennifer send another reminder to Aspire and JCDC next week.

Trails- Willie- Wednesday was a great meeting of the steering team. Fleece and Vandenbrink engineering talked with the team about what the opportunities are. Pretty close to an agreement. Will work on a 30,000 ft plan (connectors) to take the communities with the money we've already raised. They suggested not to lose momentum. Travis Underhill will be the project manager. Has worked with Joe McGuinness. He was the INDOT rep for Next Level Trails. Rex Dillinger is now with this group (from HWC). Gave us good feedback on Next Level Trails application if we wanted to apply. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for that grant. Dana and Carmen talked to the county- possibly land in the Johnson County park? You have to already own the land to apply. Looking for partnerships and individual gifts to make the trail plan happen.

Start Ed Up- Feb 7- 5-7pm? at the Elevator Aspire will be a co-host on FB. Reaching out to schools. Has to be a local organization for students to problem solve. Maybe more ways for awareness or helping to raise funds for construction. Open to all students -middle school or high school students. Ask Carmen to participate. Jordan will contact Kent DeKoninck. Hoping to get Whiteland, Greenwood to participate. Dana will contact Franklin High School to invite them. Help entrepreneurial teens to engage in real world problems.

Stellar Communities- Sara Beth- met with Julie Young from Bargersville. Talked about upcoming projects. On board to be more collaborative within the county. Has a meeting set up on Tuesday with David Hittle to discuss the vision and comprehensive plan for the county. Help identify key players in towns and cities to do an info 101 on Stellar with Michael from OCRA to gauge interest. Use 2019 to follow the 2019 recipients of stellar communities. Want to make trails part of the push. Still in viability phase but, figuring out how to work together. Do we want to expand the reach past Johnson County? Meeting with Columbus soon to discuss marketing in Edinburgh. Will check to see if they are interested in collaborating.

Coworking space- Jordan- membership continues to rise at the Elevator. Building barn doors to provide a large space for continuing ed. Will be adding p.o. boxes to memberships. Thank you to the Elevator and Leugers Insurance for being our team sponsor.

Dana- register for the work ready communities. Share with business owners. Can benefit any business- retail, banks etc.. Program that anyone can use. Did an interview yesterday with channel 6 for Hiring Hoosiers segment that will be out on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. The NCRC certificate proves you have certain skills. No charge for any of the certificate. Helps to align workers with positions. Ed Cowgill (Indiana Ticket) will be the keynote speaker. Retention has improved since he's started using Work Ready. RSVP extended Friday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.