

**Aspire Johnson County Large Group
August 22, 2018 8-9:30am
Clark Pleasant Administration building**

Welcome- Dana Monson

Exciting announcement with Don Cummings at Endress+Hauser. Partnering with Community Career+Education forum for 7-9th grade students to help them discover stem careers and education opportunities that we have in Johnson County. This event is in its 5th year and will feature 15-20 manufacturers, trades such as electricians. The CCEF started with 300 people in attendance and now has grown to 1000 parents, students and educators. This year's event is taking place on Sept 20 5:30-8:30 at the Endress+Hauser facility in Greenwood. Register to participate or volunteer. Educators are welcome to attend. Students and their parents are engaged in conversations about what careers are available through colleges, technical institutions, activities and tours. The event is very interactive.

Aspire has been a partner since it's inception. WJW group issued a challenge to Aspire Johnson County, if we can raise \$1000 by September 19th, they will donate \$1000 matching funds for this event. Go to JCCF website- donate through Aspire and note as WJW match for Endress+Hauser event. Endress gives out \$10,000 in classroom grants to educators through this event. They can fill out an application to share about their project – currently have more than \$10,000 in applicants right now.

Round robin- Steve Jarosinski

Meeting sponsor-FCFCU presentation- Dusty Simmons

Presentation by Zach Churney, MIBOR

Conversation about EDIT tax; Johnson County Commissioners would need to vote to adopt. Must be mindful of high density but need political courage to pass it. Increased density/ people- Income tax is a large benefit. You pay your income tax where you live. If you don't want your community to grow, then other counties will absorb your growth (and your income tax). Discussion about public transportation and proposed red line rapid transit in Johnson County.

Did not include data on new construction in presentation. Don't believe construction percentage is uniform. What plans are there to include all the data? Zach said that MPO, Builders assoc. MIBOR and Green Street, and consultant have all participated. Have seen preliminary data- average price \$300,000 for starting construction. Will incorporate new construction in study. Data will be employer based- number one industry- services (which is one of the lowest paying). If you work with employers, what they pay compared to what you pay for housing, how aligned are they? We are way over-building on the high end and not enough in between.

Study comes out in October- Zach will get Aspire a copy.

Eric- "Creativity" is coming back in the housing market. Heard ad for bank statement loan- you don't need to provide your paystubs. Debt to income is the number one reason to not get into a house. Not very many houses available for \$150,000, or it goes above list price with 25 offers.

We'd love for Zach to come back and present the findings of their study

Growth & Planning-Karri Steckler 3 initiatives. I-69 corridor- public meeting on August 9th to present draft plan. Johnson County isn't ready to support what is coming. Don't have roads/access to support the changes that I-69 will bring. How do we educate and bring awareness as to what is needed and also looking to the near future? Fire up people that understand what is happening.

Trails- \$40,000 grant received from developer. Working on plan for matching \$25,000. Have reached out to developer for RFQ and putting out RFP. 6-8 month macro level connectivity plan. Want to identify engineer by November. Working with Bob Siefker on grant opportunity with Purdue students by summer of 2019. Project could start in September 2019 with Whiteland, New Whiteland, Trafalgar to do micro level plans for trails. Developer grant money must be leveraged by August 201. If you are with a company that would be interested in supporting our fundraising by giving any amount, please reach out to Carmen as soon as possible. Met with current US representative. \$1,000,000 per mile with federal funding. Don't want to just look at federal funding. Have people asking to connect to Sweetwater too, beyond Johnson County, even Bloomington.

Eric 1 1/2 years ago just looking at Whiteland, now it's how to get the whole community connected and even connect to Indianapolis.

In many other states it's just normal to have trails that connect communities; we're playing catch up.

I-69 study really makes sense, but we need to be urgent in preparing. I-69 open to the north will be 90% done. Our section is most concentrated in the last 15%. Our roads are prepared for the growth. Bluff to Morgantown is going to stop being effective. Lots of details that you need to be aware of. 135 has issues. If you'd like to hear more, attend Monday August 27th 6pm at the Johnson County Annex presentation by Chris Hamm of HWC.

Talent & Attraction- Lisa Lintner- Endress+Hauser event is next month. Next HR roundtable topic unconscious bias with Andrea Gash from Leadership Johnson County, Starting on ACT Work Ready communities. Dana and Gayle attended 1st part of Boot camp. Basically, it involves testing of employees to determine skill levels. Discussed Parent Forum- encouraging high school students to attend with parents to learn about skilled trades and education that they can receive, as well as, apprenticeships. Looking at the Artcraft theater to host this event in January/ February.

Placemaking- table until next month.

Thanks to Zach Churney of MIBOR for presenting today.

Minutes submitted by Jennifer Hollingshead

