

Growth & Planning Minutes

3/9/2017

In attendance: Eric Vermilion, Teresa Harwood, Deb Luzier, Cindy Cook, Carmen Parker, Kevin McGinnis, Leslie Myrick, Steve Powell

JCDC General Update: No director hired yet

White River Township Future Land Use Planning: David Hittle was not in attendance, but sent the following update:

- The White River Township Land Use Plan Update will be going to the county Plan Commission for review on March 27th.
- The proposed I-69 Corridor Plan is still awaiting the Highway Department's revised scope of work.

I-69 Corridor and County Thoroughfares Update: Jody/Forrest: Neither in attendance

Trails Connection: Carmen Parker

- The Whiteland Active Living Workshop is planned for Tuesday, April 25 from 9am to 4pm at the Clark Pleasant Admin Building. Peter Fritz and others will be on-hand to facilitate. Invitations will go out soon; there are 25 – 50 spots to fill.
- Carmen applied on behalf of Whiteland Trails committee for a Johnson County Community Foundation grant of up to \$25,000. If received, this grant would be used to offset the \$90,000 cost for the ½ mile trail planned at Whiteland HS. Carmen shared that Norm Gabehart and others in Whiteland have done a great job on getting materials and labor at reduced costs for the construction of the trail.
- Carmen and Dave Hittle are hoping to meet with Mr. Cantwell, the new county surveyor, on the possibility of using legal drains as trails. Tracy Ditch is a prime candidate to be explored.
- There is a MIBOR walkability study at the Johnson County History Museum on 3/10 that she will attend. This is in addition to the MIBOR walkability study on US 31 in Franklin that occurred on 3/9.
- Carmen would like to have 4 fundraising events in the next year for Whiteland Trails. Targeting the first one in June, one around the holidays and one in Feb/Mar 2018; 1 or more 5K's will be planned

Small Business Resources Workshops: Eric Vermilion

- QuickBooks curriculum is already developed by BCBG and will be presented by Dave Rickert of BCBG and Eric Vermilion, FCFCU. Dates (Apr/May) have been sent to Dana for her input and locations are being considered. Workshops will be limited to 50 businesses and it is anticipated that they will fill quickly once we put the word out.

Makers Space: Eric Vermilion

- Space in Franklin has been identified as possible lab maker space. Owned by BS2 Labs, Alecs Davis. They have 25,000 SF and are only using 3,000 SF. There is a need for small lab space and Alecs is interested in making his space available. The building needs some structural

improvements and funds to split the space. Eric is putting this in front of some investors next Tuesday for consideration. Need is there; IU used to have small lab space but has closed their venue.

Collaboration: Kevin McGinnis

- 100% attendance at last meeting. Franklin's new mayor was there. Clerk Treasurer of New Whiteland has expressed interest in joining.

Next meetings:

- Aspire Growth & Planning Team: April 13, 3:30 – 5pm, FCFCU
- Large Group: Weds, March 15, 11:30 – 1:30pm, Compass Park, Franklin