



# Community Advisory Forum

Thursday, April 25, 2024, 3:30 PM  
Region 1 Planning Council  
127 N. Wyman St., Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Martesha Brown at 3:37 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	AGHL Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ogle County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Belvidere Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks Chamber
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Conservation District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Soil & Water Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Public Library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive Community Solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/>	IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severson Dells
<input type="checkbox"/>	DLM Manufacturing / SOAR Radio / Think Big	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Club Northwest River Valleys Chapter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eliminate Racism 815	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stateline Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	U of I Extension
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ignite Change Solutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	UW Health SwedishAmerican
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wesley Willows
<input type="checkbox"/>	LULAC, Winnebago/Boone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago & Boone County Housing Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Midland States Bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dyanna Rose Walker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milestone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steph Gaspers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural Land Institute	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the forum.





#### 4. Action Items

a. *Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes*

**Motion** by Scott Hartman, McHenry County, seconded by Dick Rundall, Eliminate Racism 815, to **approve** the Action Item.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Abstained: Stateline Mass Transit District

#### 5. Discussion Items

a. Duties and Responsibilities

Ms. Brown continued to explain the core purpose of the Community Advisory Forum and members' involvement.

#### 6. Agency Reports

a. Watershed Education and Outreach – Presentation

Eric Tison, project coordinator, gave a presentation regarding the IEPA grant-funded project to address nonpoint source pollution at two Rockford Park District sites. The goal is to inform and educate about the causes and mitigation of nonpoint source pollution.

b. Goals & Strategies: Core Planning Documents – Activity

Isaac Guerrero, MTP: Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Andria Sykaluk, CEDS: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Clara Romeo, CAP: Climate Action Plan

Forum members entered into small group discussions for input regarding the goals and strategies of the MTP, CEDS, and CAP.

#### 7. Other Business

a. CEJA: Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

Isaac Guerrero, Director of Economic Development and Policy, explained the purpose of CEJA and the goals of green energy investments and construction aligning with grants and funding. Shared the awarded CEJA grants and those currently in progress.

b. Community Outreach and Activities

Ms. Brown explained that forum members will be asked to advocate and communicate to their networks to increase and diversify public engagement.



8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 3:30–5:00 PM.

9. **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Courtney Geiger, Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, seconded by Amy Nord, Belvidere Chamber of Commerce, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Opportunities for public comment. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the Region 1 Planning Council at 815-319-4180 at least two working days before the need for such services or accommodations.