



Community Advisory Forum

Thursday, October 24, 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, Chair, at 3:36 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGHL Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ogle County
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Health Department (3:46)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Soil & Water Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Public Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive Community Solutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (4:00)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Severson Dells
<input type="checkbox"/>	DLM Manufacturing / SOAR Radio / Think Big	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Club Northwest River Valleys Chapter
<input 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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dyanna Rose Walker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milestone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steph Gaspers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural Land Institute (3:40)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Members of the public

Mayor McNamara (Rockford) and Mayor Johnson (Machesney Park) were in attendance, representing the MPO. Ron Clewer was in attendance on behalf of Transform Rockford.

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the forum.



4. **Action Items**

a. *Approval of August 2024 Meeting Minutes*

Motion by Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful, seconded by McHenry County, to **approve** the Action Item.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. **Agency Reports**

Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) Presentations

Marc Hooks described the Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) as combining R1's expertise along with neighborhood input to enhance communities and drive overall improvement. Today, the CAF heard proposals from neighborhoods and was instructed to fill out a scoring rubric. The group will then rank presentations and provide a final recommendation.

a. Northwest Neighbors

No representative present

b. Keith Creek

Dennis Rich, 30+ year resident of Keith Creek, presented on the neighborhood's proposal for LCI funding. The proposal aims to address flooding in the neighborhood. Questions followed.

c. South East Belvidere

Dan Snow, former Belvidere Alderman, presented on the neighborhood's proposal for LCI funding. The proposal plans to construct a curb, gutter, and sidewalk, as the existence and quality is currently inconsistent. Questions followed.

d. Signal Hill

Dave Schultz, Co-President of Signal Hill Neighborhood Association, presented on the neighborhood's proposal for LCI funding. The proposal aims to transfer ownership of their park to the Rockford Park District for maintenance and upgrades. Questions followed.

e. Ranking LCI Applications

Members had time to complete the rubrics and rank the presentations. The highest-ranked proposal will receive technical assistance from R1 to develop a sub-area planning study, laying the groundwork for future implementation.



6. **Other Business**

Amy Salamon mentioned that the R1 Housing Coordination team is seeking public engagement for their plan and encouraged members to share the survey link with their networks.

7. **Next Meeting**

Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm

8. **Adjournment**

Motion by Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District, seconded by City of Rockford to **adjourn**.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 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.