



Community Advisory Forum

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 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 3:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A3 Environmental Consultants	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAACP Rockford Chapter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGHL Law	<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Land Institute
<input type="checkbox"/>	Belvidere Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	NICNE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Conservation District	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ogle County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	RAMP Disability Resources & Services
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Soil & Water Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cliffbreakers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Reality Project (Northern Illinois)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Public Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive Community Solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	Severson Dells
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sierra Club Northwest River Valleys Chapter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hope Fellowship	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stateline Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I Bike Rockford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temple Beth-El
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ignite Change Solutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Illinois REALTORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	UW Health SwedishAmerican
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago Co.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifescape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago & Boone County Housing Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County (3:39)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Midland States Bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau
<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim Association of Greater Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizen - Dyanna Rose Walker

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the forum.



4. Action Items

a. *Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes*

Motion by Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc., seconded by Temple Beth-El, to **approve** the Action Item.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

b. *Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates*

Motion by Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc., seconded by Temple Beth-El, to **approve** the Action Item.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

There were no new items brought up for discussion.

6. Agency Reports

a. **2025 LCI: Livable Community Initiative Technical Assistance Award – Update**

Martesha Brown, CAF Chair, announced that the Midtown neighborhood was officially designated the recipient of Round 2 LCI technical assistance. The LCI Advisory Board also unanimously supported the CAF selection.

b. **Green Streets Guide – Activity**

Chloe Barnes, Regional Planner, gave an overview on the Green Streets Guide and provided examples of green street elements. This guide will outline key design components of a green street and offer best practice recommendations for implementation. It will eventually be part of a larger regional Green Streets plan that will outline more targeted areas for improvement and recommend solutions.

Ms. Barnes led the group in a Mentimeter activity to gain feedback for the Green Streets Guide. The Forum identified elements of a green street that they preferred. An open discussion followed.

c. **Regional Health Atlas**

Reagan Hilbrant, Community Impact Specialist, gave the Forum a tour of the new Regional Health Atlas. The Regional Health Atlas is a site where users can search for community health data on a number of indicators, specific to the northern Illinois region. Ms. Hilbrant demonstrated to the Forum how to use the platform, including indicators, how to filter by



location, demographics, and other categories, as well as options for visualizations and data sources. The tool is publicly available, and Forum members are encouraged to use and share the site.

d. **WCCMHB: Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board – Public Participation Survey**

Chelsey Glatz, Public Participation Coordinator, explained the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board’s progress in its Strategic Plan update. It is now conducting a public survey to gather feedback on individuals’ experiences with mental health and substance use services in Winnebago County. This feedback will help shape priorities that the Mental Health Board will focus on for future funding.

7. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

8. **Meeting Takeaways**

- a. Chelsey Glatz recapped the takeaways. For the Green Streets Guide, add any additional points to the project map, complete the survey, and reach out to Chloe to connect groups for engagement. The Regional Health Atlas will include a one-page sheet with a request for topics that may be highlighted. Lastly, to share the WCCMHB Public Participation Survey.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 3:30–5:00 PM

10. **Adjournment**

Motion by AGHL Law, seconded by Rockford Consulting and Brokerage, Inc., to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 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.