



## Community Advisory Forum

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (3:30 PM – 5:00 PM)  
127 N Wyman St, Rockford, IL 61107

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** **AGHL:** Paige Gors Limberg, **Boone County Health Department:** Amanda Mehl, **Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois:** Courtney Geiger, **Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful:** Corinne Sosso, **Rockford Park District:** Tim Bragg, **Rockford Public Library:** Bridget Finn, **Sierra Club Northwest River Valleys Chapter:** Rebecca Quirk, **The Workforce Connection:** Berenice Jaquez, **U of I Extension:** Carol Erickson

**Staff Present:** Chelsey Glatz, Jason Holcomb, Isaac Guerrero, Melisa Ribikawskis, Sydney Turner, Juliana Charlebois-Berg, Gabrielle Gamily, Vanessa Mauries

#### 3. Public Comment

- a. No comment

#### 4. Action Items

##### a. Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Glatz entertains a motion to approve the October meeting minutes.

Motion by U of I Extension, seconded by Rockford Public Library, to approve October meeting minutes.  
Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

##### b. Meeting Dates for 2024

Ms. Glatz presented the proposed meeting dates for the upcoming year.

Motion by Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful, seconded by Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, to approve meeting dates for 2024. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

## 5. Discussion Items

### a. Organization Representation

Ms. Glatz mentioned the opportunity to send a representative in place when forum members are unable to attend the Community Advisory Forum meeting.

## 6. Agency Reports

### a. Engage R1: Public Engagement Platform

Ms. Glatz announced the launch of Engage R1, Region 1 Planning Council's new virtual engagement platform, and its features. Forum members had inquiries for which Ms. Glatz and Ms. Turner provided clarification.

### b. Emerging Industries Cluster Analysis and Action Plan - Report Update

Mr. Guerrero gave an update on the Emerging Industries Cluster Analysis and Action Plan. He elaborated on the identified clusters and announced that the Action Plan is open for feedback. He also briefly mentioned the next steps of the plan.

### c. Health and Transportation Study

Ms. Ribikawskis shared the progress she had made since her last presentation on the Health and Transportation Study. She elaborated on the findings of the survey and the goals and objectives that are currently under consideration. Ms. Ribikawskis presented five goals along with their respective objectives and asked for input from the forum attendees.

Discussion was held.

### d. Department of Energy: Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience (Community Needs Assessment) – Activity

Ms. Gamily gave a brief update on the RECUPERAT project. Ms. Charlebois-Berg introduced and conducted the activity regarding power outages in underserved communities.

Discussion was held.

## 7. Other Business

### a. None

## 8. Next Meeting

### a. Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:30-5:00 PM

## 9. Adjournment

### a. Motion by The Workforce Connection, second by Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, to adjourn at 4:59 PM. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.