



Community Advisory Forum

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 24th, 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 3:32 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Maryjo Pirages-Reynold, Liz Gerber, Scott Hartman, Sharon Hecox, Dennis Anthony, Dyanna Walker, Chris Oysti, Bridget Finn

Staff Present: Chelsey Glatz, Jason Holcomb, Melisa Ribikawskis, Sydney Turner, Vanessa Mauries

3. Public Comment

- a. No comment

4. Action Items

a. Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Motion by Scott Hartman, seconded by Bridget Finn, to approve June meeting minutes. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

a. Chair and Vice-Chair Approved

Ms. Glatz gave the forum an update on the approved Chair, Martesha Brown, and Vice-Chair, Deb Alfredson, appointees by the Executive Committee.

6. Agency Reports

a. Regional Planning

a. Health and Transportation

Ms. Ribikawskis presented on the correlation of health and transportation in the Rockford region. Explaining the purpose and key findings, Mr. Ribikawskis then facilitated a discussion on the topic with the forum. Discussion was held.

b. Drive Electric Week

i. EV Presentation

Ms. Turner announced the dates of September 22nd, 2023, through October 1st, 2023, for Drive Electric Week, along with brief details of events Region 1 Planning Council will be participating in. Ms. Turner asked the forum for suggestions of events in the region and questions to be considered. Discussion was held.

7. Other Business

a. WCCMHB

a. Strategic Plan 2.0 DRAFT Public Comment

Ms. Glatz gave an update on the Open House events and reminded the forum of the public comment period deadline.

b. MTP/CEDS/CAP Planning Process

a. Remaining SWOT Workshops

Ms. Glatz reminded the forum of the remaining SWOT workshops.

b. Public Open Houses

Ms. Glatz announced the SWOT Open House events and asked the forum to provide best practices of promotion to achieve community engagement in their respective counties.

i. Winnebago County 9/19

ii. Boone County 9/14

iii. McHenry County 9/21

8. Next Meeting

a. Thursday, October 26th, 2023, 3:30 - 5:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

a. Ms. Glatz adjourned the meeting at 4:08 PM.