



Community Advisory Forum

Thursday, February 22, 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 3:38 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Members present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGHL	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ogle County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Belvidere Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks Chamber
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Conservation District	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County Soil & Water Conservation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boys and Girls Club of Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Public Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive Community Solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/>	IL DCEO	<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 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 Swedish American
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wesley Willows
<input type="checkbox"/>	LULAC, Winnebago/Boone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County Housing Authority
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County	<input 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 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 December 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

a. Core Purpose of the Community Advisory Forum

Ms. Brown explained that the CAF's core purpose is to provide a continual communication loop between R1 and the broader community. This will occur primarily by identifying regional problems and identifying solutions, which will then be used to inform planning documents that R1 creates.

Forum members entered into small group discussion around questions regarding how their organization can benefit and contribute to the forum, and then reported back to the whole group.

6. Agency Reports

a. Updates from 2023 and Upcoming 2024 Projects

Chelsey Glatz, R1 Public Engagement Coordinator, gave a summary of plans CAF provided input for in 2023. Amanda Colver, R1 Community Event Planner, introduced herself to the forum. She will be involved in future CAF meetings and providing R1 outreach in the community.

b. Land Bank Update

Eric Setter, Community Development Director, spoke about the Winnebago/Boone County trustee auction, to be held in the first week of April. Forum members can receive email notifications by signing up at r1planning.org. Ms. Glatz will also send out more information directly to CAF members closer to the auction date.

c. Resilient Communities via Risk-driven Infrastructure Planning and Automated Restoration (**RECUPERAT**)

Juliana Charlebois-Berg, R1 Sustainability Research Analyst, gave a follow-up on the RECUPERAT project and how CAF feedback from the previous meeting was incorporated.



d. **Livable Communities Initiative**

Sydney Turner, Director of Planning and Programming, introduced the Livable Communities Initiative, outlining the initiative's purpose and its various components. Additionally, Turner provided a brief explanation of how the CAF will contribute to the Initiative.

7. **Other Business**

8. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 from 3:30–5:00 pm

9. **Adjournment**

Motion by McHenry County, seconded by Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01 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.