



Community Advisory Forum

Thursday, June 27, 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 Forum Chair, Martesha Brown at 3:32 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 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 type="checkbox"/>	Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Public Library
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Comprehensive Community Solutions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/>	IL Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	<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 checked="" 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 (3:42)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wesley Willows
<input type="checkbox"/>	LULAC, Winnebago/Boone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago & Boone 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dyanna Rose Walker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Milestone	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steph Gaspers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural Land Institute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Members of the public

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the forum.



4. Action Items

a. *Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes*

Motion by McHenry County, seconded by Rockford Consulting & Brokerage, to **approve** the Action Item.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. Discussion Items

6. Agency Reports

a. LCI: Livable Communities Initiative Presentation and Livability Principles Discussion Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) – presentation

- a. Marc Hooks, R1 Community Impact Coordinator, presented on LCI. LCI will inject tipping-point neighborhoods with project funding to increase their long-term vitality. Tipping-point neighborhoods are middle- and working-class neighborhoods that are teetering on the edge of growth or decline. This initiative will be conducted by R1 in two phases. Phase 1 is a technical assistance program that will conduct studies for local governments. Phase 2 is the implementation phase.

The Community Advisory Forum will be responsible for reviewing applications after they are received and recommend one neighborhood for implementation (October).

Livability Principles Discussion

- b. Discussion followed, including health indicators, funding source and amount, number of applications expected, and how to access details on the Detroit study.

Forum members participated in a Mentimeter activity to provide their responses and opinions on the LCI overview presented.



b. Regional Traffic Safety Action Plan

- a. Sydney Turner, R1 Director of Planning and Programming, presented on the Rockford Region's Traffic Safety Action Plan. R1 received a federal grant to plan a regional traffic safety strategy. R1 is developing 4 safety plans, including the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area region, City of Rockford, Winnebago County, and Boone County. Plans incorporate the Federal Safe System Approach.

Ms. Turner described developed goals and emphasis areas for safe system implementation. Questions and comments were addressed during Ms. Turner's presentation. Discussion followed where forum members gave examples of high-conflict traffic areas in the region. Ms. Turner directed forum members to provide feedback on Engage R1, which will be incorporated into the final safety plans. Members had also received four tickets, which they were instructed to place into boxes upon leaving the meeting to indicate which driving hazards they thought were most dangerous.

7. Other Business

- a. Engage R1 Highlighted Projects
- b. Ms. Glatz encouraged forum members to reach out with initiatives of theirs that R1 can help promote, as well as help to promote plans that R1 is in charge of.
- c. Attendance is critical at the October meeting, as the forum will be reviewing applications and voting on the neighborhood to be recommended for funding for the LCI.

8. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Dyanna Rose Walker, seconded by Stateline Mass Transit District to **adjourn**. 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.