



## REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Representation:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:34 PM.
  
2. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:** City of Belvidere, Boone County, City of Rockford, City of Loves Park, RRWRD, Greater Freeport Partnership, Growth Dimensions, The Workforce Connection, Highland Community College, Chicago Rockford International Airport, City of Freeport, City of South Beloit, RMTD.

**Members Not Present:** Village of Machesney Park, Rockford Park District, RAEDC, NIU Rockford, ComED, Nicor.

**Others Present:** Mike Dunn, Jon Paul Diipla, Julia Halsted, Christina Washington, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Eric Setter, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Allen Mills, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Marlana Dokken, Steve Gregg, Aaron Frey; Chuck Klutho, Aaron Lewis, RPC; John Donovan, FHWA.
  
3. **Public Comment:**

None
  
4. **Items Presented for Information and Discussion**

**Workforce Connection – Lisa Bly**

Ms. Lisa Bly, The Workforce Connection Executive Director stated The Workforce Connection (TWC) serves Boone, Stephenson, and Winnebago County. Ms. Bly's presentation provided a brief update and summary on the following:

  - The Workforce System
  - Our Priorities
  - Northern Stateline Economic Development Region
  - Regional Employment by Industry
  - Business Units and Wages
  - Regional Unemployment Rates
  - Labor Force Participation
  - Educational Attainment – 25 years and older
  - Northern Stateline EDR
  - Regional Workforce Observations
  - Workforce, Workforce, Workforce
  - Keep the Plan on the Table
    - Goals
    - Committees

- Workforce Development Ecosystem
- TWC is a Regional Resource
- Hallmarks of Excellence

Ms. Bly announced that the annual TWC meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2019 and held in the RPC Design Center.

**5. Approval of the June 27, 2019 RPC Board meeting minutes:**

**Motion** to approve the June 27, 2019, RPC Board meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford, seconded by RMTD. Motion **carried** unanimously.

**6. Action Items**

**Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Records**

This agenda item has been postponed for when legal counsel is available to address questions.

**7. Staff Reports**

**a) 2020 Census Regional Complete Count Committee**

Ms. Hood provided a presentation regarding 2020 Census Regional Complete Count Committee and provided updates and summary on the following:

- NOFO Funding Method
- NOFO Funds Available
- Hard to count in the region
- Northern Illinois Undercount and Potential \$\$ Loss
- Proposed Region Funding
- Hub and Spoke Model

A brief question and answer took place amongst members regarding the Local Complete Count Committee vs the Regional Complete Count Committee.

**b) Land Bank and Trustee Program**

Mr. Setter stated that the Land Bank Committee has met several times and is preparing to acquire its first round of properties.

**c) Criminal Justice Support**

Ms. Dokken provided a brief summary on the following:

- Focused Deterrence: funding levels from the State to continue the Focused Deterrence program after December 2019 are uncertain
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is aligning strategies around the Crime Reduction Act, which included a recent visit by Lt. Governor's staffer Quinn Collins
- JAG2017 and 2018 funding
- RPC as Fiscal Agent for Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Next Call In Meeting on September 17, 2019

**8. Executive Director's Report**

None

**9. Other Business**

None

**10. Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Highland Community College. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.