



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES / August 23, 2018 – 1:30p
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:35 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Winnebago County, Chairman Frank Haney; Boone County, Chairman Karl Johnson; City of Rockford, Mayor Tom McNamara; City of Belvidere, Mayor Mike Chamberlain; City of Loves Park, Mayor Greg Jury; Village of Machesney Park, Mayor Steve Johnson; North Park Water District, Mr. John Donahue; Rockford Park District, Mr. Ian Linnabary; RRWRD, Mr. J. Hanley; Greater Freeport Partnership, Ms. Rebecca Motley; Growth Dimensions, Ms. Pam Fettes; The Workforce Connection, Ms. Lisa Bly; Rock Valley College, Dr. Doug Jensen; Chicago Rockford International Airport, Mr. Jeff Polsean; NICOR, Mr. David Pietryla; City of Freeport, Mr. Lowell Crow; RMTD, Mr. Michael Stubbe.

Highland Community College, Dr. Tim Hood arrived at 1:58pm.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Village of Cherry Valley, RAEDC, NIU, ComED, City of Rochelle, City of South Beloit, Rochelle Economic Development, Stephenson County, Village of Poplar Grove.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Dunn, Jon Paul Diipla, Steve Gregg, Sarah Stromberg, Aaron Frey, Dana Northcott, Janna Bailey, Marlana Dokken, Tretara Flowers, Christina Washington, Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Brandon Geber, Dhawal Kataria, Eric Setter, Ivy Hood, Jay Fieser, RIPC; Heather Snider, RVC; Joe Vanderwerff, Chris Dornbush, Winnebago County.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 28, 2018 RIPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 28, 2018 RIPC Board meeting minutes was made by the Winnebago County seconded by Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously.

5. GUEST PRESENTATION – DARRIN FLEENER, EDA

Ms. Northcott introduced Darrin Fleener, Economic Development Representative, Chicago US Economic Development Organization (EDA) Office. Mr. Fleener is joining the meeting via/Skype.

Mr. Fleener shared his thoughts on the region's potential opportunities the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and how the Economic Development District (EDD) serves as the local partners and act as the local liaisons between communities and the EDA. Mr. Fleener stated that he feels the RIPC has brought the organization to another level/platform that will benefit the region with collaborative and regional initiatives.

6. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

A. Open Meetings Act Public Body Member training

Ms. Vella indicated that all members of a Public Body committee are required to take the Open Meetings Act (OMA) training. Ms. Vella asked members that have already gone through the OMA training to forward a copy of their OMA Certification to Christina Washington, RIPC. If members need the OMA training information, please let Christa know and she will provide the information. Ms. Vella would like to have collected a copy of all the members OMA certificate in the next couple of months.

B. ICJIA Report

Ms. Dokken provided a brief summary of the ICJIA Focused Deterrence project and shared some of the clients positive and successful outcomes thus far. The target population is high-risk, high-needs violent offenders. Two quarterly Call-In meetings have been held; highlights include:

- Call-In Meeting #1: 10 Called in; 8 Present: 5 Active; 3 Incarcerated. Goals in process: 25, goals completed: 16. Of the completed goals: 3 Completed GED Assessment, 2 Obtained Driver's license, 3 Completed resume, 2 Obtained Full-time employment; 1 Enrolled at RVC.
- Call-In Meeting #2: 14 Called in; 12 Present: 11 Active, 1 Inactive (due to long work hours). Goals in process: 32, goals completed: 5. Of the completed goals: 4 Obtained full time employment and 1 completed the GED assess

A third Call-In meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2018. Mayor McNamara thanked Ms. Dokken for the graphics she provided to explain the outcomes.

C. Land Bank Report

The Northern Illinois Land Bank is in the process of being created through an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Rockford, City of Belvidere, Winnebago County and Boone County. Funding for the creation of the Land Bank is from an Illinois Housing Development Authority grant to the Region 1 Planning Council. Upon creation, the land bank will be a blight reduction tool, specializing in clearing titles to properties. Once under the Land Bank's ownership, the Land Bank will work quickly to get the property back into the private market.

D. 2020 Census Participation

Ivy Hood reported that RIPC will serve as the regional entity for the U.S. 2020 Census Participant Statistical Area Program. The program allows for regional entities to confirm or update delineations in small geographical boundaries prior to the 2020 Census, and requires stakeholder input from county and municipal governments in Boone and Winnebago counties in early 2019. She also notified the Board that WREX News interviewed her about a piece produced originally for Winnebago County and circulated in *The Connection Point* newsletter in July 2018, summarizing population change in Winnebago County. The most important takeaway from this piece was the decline in Winnebago County population over the past 10 years, especially among those under 20 and ages 25-44, which are indicative of future labor force size and key working ages, respectively.

E. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dunn introduced the newest members of RIPC

- Dhawal Kataria, Metropolitan Planner
- Janna Bailey, Technical Writer

RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis

Mr. Geber, reported that RMTD and RIPC were recently awarded Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds from IDOT to complete a Comprehensive Mobility Analysis for RMTD's service area and to purchase automated passenger counters (APCs) for RMTD's fixed-route buses. The RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis Executive Summary was provided to members.

7. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR ACTION

A. Resolution for approval and adoption of the RIPC Personnel Policies

Mayor Chamberlain asked member if there were any questions or concerns regarding the RIPC Personnel Policies; none provided. Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to approve RIPC #2018-4 Resolution, first motion was made by City of Rockford, second motion was made by Chicago Rockford International Airport. Approved unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the North Park Water District. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.