



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main St.

ATTENDEES:

Ian Linnabary, Reno & Zahm LLP; Mark Hunter, IDPH; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District; Cynthia Hall, Winnebago Health Department; Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department; Beverly Moore, Citizen; Harlan Johnson, NAACP; Erin Scheffler, Zion Development; Jodie Shwaiko, Winnebago County; Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Allen Mills, Region 1 Planning Council.

Call to Order: Mr. Linnabary called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

- a) **Attendee Introductions/Sign-in:** Attendees introduced themselves. Allen Mills introduced himself as the R1PC Land-Use Planner and provided a brief description of the type of work he will be focusing on.
- b) **Approval of May 23, 2019 meeting minutes:** Mr. Linnabary entertained a motion to approve the May 23, 2019 meeting minutes. First motion was made to approve by Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District, and seconded by Dennis Anthony of the Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- c) **RPC Board Meeting Recap:** No update.

2. UPDATES

- a) Introduction – Winnebago County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Mills explains that R1PC has been contract by Winnebago County to complete an update to the 2019 MHMP, which is a federal requirement in order to receive pre or post disaster funding from FEMA. It must be updated every 5 years in order to qualify. Most of the work will entail updating the current information as well as incorporating the REMI Economic Model. Should be finished by December 2019.
- b) Update – Keith Creek land parcel database map. Mr. Mills is working with Ms. Scheffler to develop a Keith Creek land use map and database of information. This will include all parcels that are touching the boundary. The total project area is about 4 miles of the total 18-mile creek length. There are about 300 parcels. This information will be used to show land ownership and parcels that may have an interest in flood mitigation. The main project is to connect Aldeen and Alpine Park to other neighborhood assets throughout the region to the Rock River.

3. LARGE GROUP SESSION

- a) Ms. Scheffler is also working on a walk and bike count of the Keith Creek neighborhoods along the route. There will be a need of about 20-30 hours of volunteer time to collect data on user/ridership information. Looking for help around the end of August or Early September. If you are interested in participating, please contact her.

- b) Mr. Johnson is interested in presenting at a future committee meeting about environmental education efforts in the region. He also discussed how great the Wisconsin Sustainability Fair was this year and encourages others to go next year.
- c) Mr. Mills was asked to give a report on behalf of Ms. Quirk who could not be at the meeting. There will be a sustainability summit September 28, from 10am-6pm. Several locations will be offering information in the downtown area. There will also be shuttles to get around.
- d) Mr. Kane reminded the group that we were not successful in applying for the Coco-Cola grant to fund the groundwater model study. However, he is continuing to work with R1PC and other members in order to move the process along in incremental steps, which we believe will be more successful over all.
- e) Mr. Anthony let the group know that there will be a Monarch Festival at the Soil and Water Conservation offices on September 7th.
- f) Ms. Turner let the committee know that the R1PC is currently in the process of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), formerly referred to as the Long Range Transportation plan (LRTP). R1PC will be going out for public engagement and participation in regards to the Scenario Planning Process. If you or any organization, you know would like the RPC to come present on the plan please let her know.

4. ADJORNMENT

- a) Next Environmental Committee Meeting **September 26th, 2019** at 4:00pm in the Regional Design Center
- b) Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn, Dan Kane seconds. Meeting ended at 4:35pm.

5. WORKING GROUP SESSION

- a) Work on group projects after meeting if necessary

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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