

**Pulaski County
Community Development Commission
Executive Board**

Tuesday, 2 May 2023
Winamac Municipal Utilities Complex
Winamac, Indiana

Meeting Minutes: Strategic Visioning Committee

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Members present: President/Committee Chair Sheila Jimenez (Winamac); Membership Officer Kelsie Zellers; County Councilor Kathleen Thompson, Lynn Johns (Francesville); Bill Champion. Executive Director Nathan P. Origer, Assistant Taylor Bailey.

Members absent: County Commissioner Maurice Loehmer.

Guests present: None

Call to Order

President Jimenez called the meeting to order at 5:33 *p.m.*

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were all approved as presented.

Motion: Councilor Thompson; second: Mr. Champion; no discussion; approval: all.

New Business

2023 meeting schedule: The director presented the proposed calendar, which mirrored the 2022 schedule with the exception of an adjustment or two made to full-commission meeting dates, noting that it may become subject to significant change depending on the progress of restructuring and reorganization. The members approved the committee's portion of the schedule.

Motion: Mr. Johns; second: Mrs. Zellers; no discussion; approval: all.

Strategic-Plan Implementation

The director had provided a year-end report in the meeting packet.

Community Foundation Aspirations-in-Action programming: Main Street Winamac had been completing bylaws and articles of incorporation while planning field trips to successful Main Street communities. The Housing Resource Hub had published an online survey and received 30-plus responses to date; they had been planning one-on-one meetings with major employers, while the director had been scheduling meetings with Town of Winamac representatives to discuss the Town's role in the project. R.T.C. out of Rochester had begun moving forward on its fiber-broadband buildout in the eastern part of the county, while NextLink had been a bit slower to begin its fixed-wireless project; the director had intended to schedule a meeting with LightStream leadership.

General plan review/discussion: Key Action Step I., Marketing/Branding Business Development had started off strong with the first revived coffee hour and other steps; the fourth-quarter event would be an after-hours at Tippy's, rather than a morning event. The director had hoped to restart the quarterly newsletter before year's end. The director expressed a desire to improve focus and to cultivate progress on the regionalism front, specifically regarding KIRPC and the Northwest Indiana Forum, and highlighted weak spots in progress, including engaging tourism partners and exploring ways to expand childcare opportunities in the community.

K.A.S. X., Institutional Capacity Building (Restructuring): Director Origer reported 100-percent confidence in establishing statutory development-oriented commissions, but suggested that he was not yet fully convinced that restructuring the C.D.C. as a "super-group" commission with representatives from the various statutory entities would work. Mr. Champion enquired as to the number of new commissions that might be established; the director highlighted redevelopment, economic-development, and tourism commissions. Mr. Champion asked if former two might find themselves colliding with each other; the director suggested that the statutorily defined roles for

each are clear enough that they should be able to managed effectively to foster complementarity while avoiding redundancy.

Other Business Deemed to be Necessary

Councilor Thompson's tenure: Councilor Thompson suggested that, as her term on the county council would be ending in December, this would likely be her last committee meeting, as she suggested that a councilor should represent the fiscal body on the commission.

Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Champion; second: President Jimenez; no discussion; approval: all.
5:52 *p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan P. Origer,
Executive Director/Recording Secretary *pro tempore*