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## *CREATING THE PLAN*

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### SUMMARY

#### **2040 CRP Steering Committee**

March 25, 2010

9:00 AM at NIRPC

Chairman Mayor Oberlie welcomed everyone and introductions were made by members and guests. Members reviewed and approved the February 25, 2010 minutes as presented. The following are highlights from the meeting:

#### 1. Outreach & Public Involvement:

- The first of a series of Planners Roundtable discussions was held at NIRPC on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose for these roundtables is to check in with Planners at critical stages of the CRP process.
- The Greater Northwest Indiana Realtors Association (GNIAR) presentation was successful.
- Hubert Morgan attended a presentation in Gary to help further inform the public about NIRPC and the CRP process.
- An upcoming presentation at IUN will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- NIRPC announced the Environmental Justice Workshops to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> for staff and April 17<sup>th</sup> for the general public. The April 16<sup>th</sup> training will take place at NIRPC while the April 17<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Buffet and Grille in Gary, from 10am-4pm and all are encouraged to attend.

#### 2. Goals and Objectives Update:

- Members reviewed and discussed the revisions made since the previous meeting.
- Committee members endorsed the goals and objectives as presented.
- Specific comments and suggestions can be added in the upcoming months.

#### 3. Scenarios & Community Viz:

- Phil Hanegraaf, HNTB Consultant, presented and introduced the concept on developing scenarios, the CRP's next phase.
- In general, scenarios look at alternatives and pictures of the future.
- Community Viz, the tool that will be used to build scenarios, was explained.
- Staff discussed the four possible scenarios that will be tested, which include a scenario each for Trends (business as usual), Current Plans Snapshot, Livable Communities, and a scenario on Urban Core Regeneration.
- Development of scenarios is a significant turning point where numbers can be placed into the planning process.
- More information on Community Viz can be found at [www.placeways.com](http://www.placeways.com)

**Next Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 22 at 9:00AM at NIRPC**

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