



Committee Meeting ~ NIRPC
August 2, 2018

Members & Guests – Cary Kirkham, Brian Snedecor, Jan Bapst, Mark Schreiber, Don Parker, Jeff Sheridan, Jan Dick, Leslie Phemister, Mark Gordish, Zully Alvarado, Mark O'Dell, Craig Zandstra, Robert Boklund, Lindsey Hummel and Ashley Overton.

Staff – Trey Wadsworth, Mitch Barloga, Candi Eklund, Mary Thorne

Brian Snedecor called the meeting to order at 11:10 am with the pledge of allegiance and self-introductions.

Ped

A. South Shore Trails Update – Don Parker said they are in the middle of restructuring their non-motorized planning efforts.

B. 2020 Greenways+Blueways Plan and Map Update –

Mitch Barloga said the map will be distributed in a couple of weeks throughout the region.

Pedal

Leslie Phemister, South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association, presented on trail development efforts in the south suburbs of Chicago. These trails will eventually provide a connection from Joliet to Chicago. Contact Leslie.Phemister@ssmma.org for more information.

Paddle

Zully Alvarado gave a report from the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association. The Little Calumet River is open to paddlers for the first time in almost 40 years. Upcoming events include the grand opening of the Lake Station ADA kayak launch, the Paddle of the Blind and Low Vision on August 16, and Paddle Through LaPorte. They are looking at a bike share adaptive program in partnership with the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore at the Douglas Center. The calendar of events and other information can be found at www.nwipa.org.

Grab Bag

A. Project Updates – Updates were provided on trails in LaPorte, Lake County and Hammond.

B. Emerging Trends – A video on “The Last Four Miles” was shown, featuring the last two miles of lakefront shoreline which needs to be designed in order to get the final connection from Indiana to Chicago’s lakefront.

C. General Announcements

- The Marquette Greenways was submitted for the BUILD. The grant winners will be announced in December.
- Hammond’s WHAM ride is August 11 and Ride to the Rescue is September 9.

- Valparaiso's Night Ride is August 25 beginning at 10 p.m. The Zagster bike program is expanding and the Safe-Routes-To-Schools projects are going on. US 30 is getting a Pathway with pedestrian bridges and signage.
- NIRPC will be hosting pop-up meetings through August at fairs, festivals, etc. on its 2050 Plan, beginning with Hammond's Music Festival at Wolf Life. Information will be going out shortly. The adoption of the plan is set for May 2019.
- La Porte's Night Ride is August 17 at 9 p.m. at the Civic. The first portion of a loop trail around Clear Lake has been paved.
- The Celebration of the La Porte Chain of Lakes Boat Trek is on September 16 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

The next 3PC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 9 am at NIRPC.

Hearing no further business, Cary Kirkham adjourned the meeting at 12 noon.