COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

September 21, 2023

There was a meeting of the **Community Development Committee** of the Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission held on **September 21, 2023,** at **3:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room of the Commission office located at 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio.

In the absence of a quorum and chairperson, Shaunna Basinger brought the meeting to order and proceeded with the agenda.

1. **ROLL CALL**
    Kirk Niemeyer   City of Lima
    Laura Bassett   Village of Lafayette
    Mitchell Kingsley   Village of Bluffton

    GUEST

    STAFF
    Shaunna Basinger   Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
    Adam Haunhorst   Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
    Rebecca Phillips   Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission
    Tara Reynolds Bales   Lima/Allen County Regional Planning Commission

2. **APPROVAL OF CDC MINUTES – March 16, 2023, May 18, 2023, and June 15, 2023**

March, April, and June minutes were tabled to be approved at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Tara Reynolds Bales began by introducing Rebecca Philips as the new Finance Director. She shared that before beginning work here. She shared that Ms. Phillips's work history includes 12 years at UNOH as the Assistant Financial Aid Director, Rhodes State College, and Bath Township as a fiscal advisor.

Tara Reynolds Bales went on to share information about the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (RCEDS) which is being created for Hardin, Putnam, Allen, Hancock, and Van Wert. This RCEDS will benefit our region by creating opportunities for additional grants and funding.

Tara Reynolds Bales shared information on the Census Bureau which sets the urban area boundary for census purposes. The census omits several areas that may have low housing density, but do have traffic generators that significantly impact the roadway networks. This is an opportunity to rectify those omissions by adding areas to the urban area. Once revisions are made, they will be submitted to ODOT for approval. If approved by the State, the added roadways are eligible for additional funding down the line.

4. **RTA Report**

Basinger gave a brief overview of the RTA report provided and instructed all those with further questions to contact Karen Garland.

August RTA Report

5. 2022 ALLEN COUNTY TRAFFIC CRASH REPORT

Mr. Haunhorst gave an overview of the 2022 Allen County Traffic Crash Report stating that it will be available for comment until October 26th. Mr. Haunhorst noted the state mirrored safety performance measures, high crash intersection maps, political subdivision maps, and the media sheet.

6. OTHER

Ms. Basinger shared that after a recent discussion, it is being proposed that the CDC meeting schedule go from a monthly to a quarterly and as-needed basis. This change will allow for more pertinent use of committee member time as well as creating better alignment with the committee mission as found on the LACRPC website:

The Community Development Committee (CDC) monitors local conditions, identifies problems, and implements solutions/recommendations. The Committee surveys public opinion and monitors state and federal regulatory requirements to enable the LACRPC and its members the ability to respond to circumstances the committee has determined important. The Committee's charge is quality of life issues such as farmland preservation, crime, traffic safety, economic development, housing, historic preservation, and other matters of community concern. The Committee is responsible for developing the agency's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Committee collaborates with local law enforcement and code enforcement officials, the chambers of commerce, the Allen Economic Development Group, the Lima-Allen County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the **Ohio Department of Development** (ODOD).

Committee members supported this change and provided topics of interest for future meetings including a LACRPC building update, Schoonover Park update, Pangle Pavilion background and update, as well as the Spring and Main Project.

7. ADJOURNMENT