# Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan

Plan Committee Minutes

**Date:** February 26, 2025
**Location:** United Methodist Church, 2501 Church St.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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| Amy Carsten, St. Therese Catholic Church | Alex Cornwell, Avalon Neighborhood |
| Bill Garver, Avalon Neighborhood | Camille Garrison, Winterset Neighborhood |
| Terri Shimp, Southwest Waynedale Neighborhood | Dean Kinter, Indian Village Neighborhood |
| Doug Koerner, Old Trail Neighborhood | Beulah Matczak, Southeast Waynedale Neighborhood |
| K. Paul Maurer, Avalon Missionary Church | Amy Mays, Broadview Terrace Neighborhood |
| Dr. Scott Myers, 4th District City Council Representative | Jerad Harlow, Property X |
| Steve Armstrong, Winterset Neighborhood | Brad Sebring, Avalon Neighborhood |
| Victor Small, Kyle Road Neighborhood | Debbie Sorg, Sandpoint Neighborhood |
| Kirk Moriarty, Greater Fort Wayne Inc. | |

**Meeting Minutes:**

The **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan** Committee Meeting began at approximately 6:30 PM with a short icebreaker session where members were asked to pair up with a neighbor and share their name, neighborhood, and a 6-word memoir that is a story of their life. Staff member Megan Grable led the activity and had all committee members report out their details to the group at large.

Staff member and **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan** project leader Michael Terronez discussed updates to the scope of work and memorandum of understanding. Present members then signed the MOU to establish a written mutual agreement that outlines each party's expectations between the City of Fort Wayne and the Committee.

Michael Terronez and Megan Grable then opened the floor on discussions based on some challenges, strengths, and opportunities that the Committee sees in Waynedale. Challenges ranged from local business retention, lack of sidewalk infrastructure, to community engagement ideas. Some listed strengths of Waynedale were that the community is always helpful and supportive of one another, they have necessities (e.g. grocery stores) very close, and that there is some retail and business growth going on. The Committee also shared opportunities that varied from youth engagement, family and tourism attraction, to being a better-connected collection of neighborhoods.

Once the Committee shared and discussed some the challenges, strengths, and opportunities of Waynedale, they were then individually asked to pick one from each category that they felt was most important to them. These priorities will help facilitate some potential principles and goals down as this process progresses. Engagement opportunity ideas were not accomplished due to time constraints.

The next committee meeting will be held on **March 26, 2025** at a location TBD. A public input map will also be posted on the Waynedale 2040 Engage Fort Wayne website to capture any missing ideas.