Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan

Plan Committee Minutes

Date: March 26, 2025

Location: Southwest Allen County Fire District Station 1 Training Facility, 7001 Old Trail Rd

Committee Members in Attendance:

Amy Carsten, St. Therese Catholic Church	Clare Patano, Sandpoint Neighborhood
Christian Keim, Southeast Waynedale	Ron Wyss, Lakeshores 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
Debbie Sorg, Sandpoint Neighborhood	Brad Sebring, Avalon Neighborhood
Dr. Scott Myers, 4th District City Council Representative (digital)	

Meeting Minutes:

The **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan** Committee Meeting began at approximately 6:30 PM with a short reintroduction of name and neighborhood.

Staff member Megan Grable and **Waynedale 2040 Neighborhood Plan** project leader Michael Terronez discussed updates to the Scope of Work. Present members who had not previously done so, 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 to discuss engagement ideas and strategies. A lot of existing opportunities were mentioned from the Committee; from participating in the Waynedale Parade, joining The Stand Car Show, to celebrating Waynedale Park with a ribbon cutting, and much more. The Committee expressed interest in finding ways to gather input from first responders, local/corporate businesses, and local students as well.

Capitalizing on the previous input about the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of Waynedale (from the February meeting), the staff put together three overarching principles that tied a lot of the Committees priorities together. Small town vibe, economic development, and community pride/place were the three overarching categories, or "principles." After discussion, the Committee laid out a lot of perspectives on why those principles would be both important and/or are missing from Waynedale, and that 'small town vibe' and 'community pride/place' felt too similar. These principles will potentially adjust as the planning process moves forward, but it will ultimately help facilitate the guidance of the collection of goals and strategies as engagement increases this summer.

Interviews between Michael Terronez and the Committee will begin next week, where they will directly register with him to share their own input. Michael also shared 2025 infrastructure project updates that Public Works announced the week prior.

The next Committee meeting will be held on **April 23, 2025,** at St. Therese Church. The goal next meeting is to provide further updates to engagement and the planning process timelines.