

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

Meeting Notes
Bottineau Community Works Steering Committee
March 20, 2023 – 10:30 PM – 12:00 PM
Brooklyn Center

1. Welcome & introductions

Members present: Jeff Lunde, Marion Greene, Hennepin County; Reva Chamblis, Metropolitan Council; Hollies Winston & Nichole Klonowski, Brooklyn Park; Therese Kiser, Crystal; Aaron Wagner & Mia Parisian, Robbinsdale; Jennifer Dejournett, Three Rivers Park District

Staff present: Andrew Gillett, Kerri Pearce Ruch, Ryan Kelley, Anna Schmiel, Hennepin County; Kathryn Hansen, Metro Transit; Kim Berggren & Paul Mogush, Brooklyn Park; John Sutter, Crystal; Bethany Turnwall & Rattana Sengsoulichanh, Minneapolis.

Others present: Bill Emory, Cathy Gold, & Patricia Zagaros, Hennepin County; Nkongo Cigolo, Metro Transit

2. Administrative items

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Parisian moved approval of the January 23, 2023 minutes; Council Member Klonowski seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Partner updates/announcements

Commissioner Lunde invited members to share announcements and updates with the group. There were no updates.

4. Focus Area Workshop

Kerri Pearce Ruch introduced this item. The focus of this steering committee meeting will be a workshop format to provide input and updates to the Focus Areas document for 2023-24. Kerri introduced Kim Berggren as the facilitator of the workshop and turned it over to her for further information.



Kim Berggren outlined the workshop format. Each focus area had sheets on a wall area and a staff person to help facilitate work in that area. The sheets previously identified objectives and workplan items, showing which ones had been completed and which ones were in progress, as well as some suggested additions that had come from staff previously. Steering Committee members were given red dots, green dots and post-it notes. They were instructed to pick a topic of interest – 2-3 members per area – and place dots next to high priority and low priority items, as well as add any missing items or comments on post-it notes.

Members rotated through all the focus areas and then reconvened as a large group. Staff facilitators shared out key take-aways from each focus area. Kim then led follow-up discussion and synthesis of key take-aways. Kerri Pearce Ruch outline next steps – the workshop notes will go to the BTIC meeting in April, a revised focus areas document will come back to the Steering Committee in May. There will be an opportunity for updates and revisions before a vote on final acceptance, likely in July.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Key take-away notes:

Question 1: Please share in just a sentence or two: one thing that stands out to you from the draft workplan

Public realm, last mile connections, "everything is local"
Need to address connection issues and equity
Stations need to be accessible by other means
Comprehensive and holistic
Careful process
Keep good things that are happening
Systemwide approach
Wealth building and retention.

Question 2: When you think about this steering committee and who sits on it, what work or topic area excites you the most?

What are cities going to do because of the project?
Presentation on environmental design regarding safety
Highway 55; how do we continue to support earlier planning and work?
Create better understanding of economic benefit
Discussion of safety can help further a negative narrative
Need to work from a position of strength.

Question 3: What is a take-away for you as we leave this meeting?

Collaborate with partners including businesses
Local ownership, building local capacity
100 year plan, very daunting
Glad to be meeting.
Changing the narrative
Ideation phase and money follows good ideas
How to bring in local artists?
How to integrate additional funding and resources?
A lot of work yet to be done, don't rush it
People are not seeing all of the positive outcomes
Gathering information outside of Robbinsdale and building a strength based...
Take on the success of other areas and look to the future while also enjoying the current success