



Envision Ellettsville Connectivity Task Force
January 24, 2023
Meeting Summary

Attendees (21)

- Christa Curtis
- Dan Rarey
- Kyle Hannon
- Mike Farmer
- Hailey Roark
- Ron Taylor
- Jimmie Dunnill
- Chris Clouse
- Rachel Knight
- Kip Headdy
- Denise Line
- Mike Burns
- Vicki Basman
- Kelli Witmer
- Geoff McKim
- Shawna Girgis
- Ron Vandeventer
- Donna Niese
- Sandra Hash
- Noelle Conyer
- Kevin Patton

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Vision Plan Overview and Task Force Orientation
- Heritage Trail Overview
- Priorities for the Future

Action Items

- Look at neighborhood development to ensure connections
- Create feedback connection with INDOT
- Next meeting Tuesday, February 28, 1 pm, Town Hall

Summary

Welcome and Introduction

Christa Curtis, Chair of the Envision Ellettsville Advisory Board, welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Reviewed the activities that brought us to this point. Excited about how the Connectivity Task Force will help the community. Then each attendee introduced themselves.

Vision Plan Overview and Task Force Orientation

Hailey Roark from Taylor Siefker Williams Design Group shared overview slides about the vision plan and implementation steps. She reviewed the Connectivity Task Force handbook, including roles and responsibilities and the Task Force's purpose.

Heritage Trail Overview

Mike Farmer, Denise Line, and Ron Taylor discussed the Next Level Trails project and other planned trails in the community. The Heritage trail will connect through the next development and the Steward property, and serve as a major connection to the Karst Farm Greenway. Attendees discussed how to connect with the trails and also how to connect to downtown and the schools.

Safety was identified as a primary concern. People need to feel safe using the trail while vehicle traffic is nearby or even crossing. It was suggested there be some signage along the trail as if someone needs to call 9-11, they can say where they are.

Key Takeaways from the Discussion

How should we define success?

- We want to build a culture around trails – walkability and bikability

What are the top priorities?

- Safety – for people and pedestrians
- Need to consider trail connections in future residential areas
- Sidewalks as a minimum for future neighborhoods
- Interconnect neighborhoods – we need more than one way in and out.
- Reeves / Sales Street as a boulevard – need to enhance pedestrian safety for people walking to and from school
- Reeves / Sycamore as a key project
- Increase awareness of how trails/sidewalks increase property values

Is there someone missing from this group?

- We need to think about getting an INDOT representative to attend.

What are the challenges?

- Parking – People don't know where to park to access the Karst Greenway
- Reeves / Sales Street is an issue, but the town doesn't have the ROW to fix it.
- Signage is important – people don't know where they are or how to communicate their location in case of an emergency.
- Access points for emergency responders on trails and greenways
- Different interests between INDOT and the town – INDOT is focused on mobility.