



Highlights | August 9, 2018

Topic: youth in planning

Task Force Attendees: Scott Berman, Tammy Leigh Dement, Paul Glover, Francis Harwell, Eva Hayes, Jim Hopkins, Straso Javoninski, Bill Matulewicz, Keith Monahan, Amber Perlmutter, Bryan Proska, Kyle Shenandoah, Alonzo South, Sari Steuber, Daniel Swartley McArdle, and James Walsh

Additional Attendees: Steven Balin, Lev Boonin, Megan Bucknum, Bill Comer, Frances Conwell, Patricia Crosby, Henry Felsman, Aunnalea Grove, Heike Jacob, Jasper Jones, Ronald Joesph, Jeana LaBrie, Joyce Liu, Adeola Obayanju, Eric Rosario, Ian Schwarzenberg, Nathan Tran, Darrien Tran, Laure Wassen, Yibing Zheng, Shoshana Akins (Staff), Julia Cohen (Staff)

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Eva Hayes, Vice-Chair of the PPTF, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and giving an overview of the meeting's purpose: to have a discussion about youth involvement in planning and how younger populations can stay involved in shaping the region's future. Shoshana Akins then gave a brief overview of the agenda.

Presentations

Susan Best... *Future City*

Susan Best gave a background on the Future City program, a fun and exciting educational engineering program for middle school students that combines a stimulating engineering challenge with a "hands-on" application to present their vision of a city of the future. The program is interested in engaging kids in engineering problem-solving and exposing them to the field of engineering.

Timmy Lawrence... *Youth Leadership Council*

Timmy Lawrence presented on the Youth Leadership Council with the Food Trust, which is an advocacy group for Philadelphia high school students. Timmy currently serves on the Youth Leadership Council and shared their experience with advocating for clean water in schools, feeling the power of advocacy, and learning the tools for young people to make a difference.



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Megan Bucknum... *Rowan University*

Megan Bucknum presented on Rowan University's Community + Environmental Planning program, providing a background on the program, course offerings, and experiences students have at the university. The presentation included examples of student projects to activate spaces on campus and researching access to food outlets in Salem County.

Q&A and Facilitated Panel Discussion

Shoshana Akins... *All attendees participated*

Attendees asked questions to the speakers and had a facilitated discussion about youth experiences in planning.

Breakout Discussion Groups

All attendees

Attendees broke out into six discussion groups, each assigned to a youth population and tasked with coming up with a way to engage that group in the Long-Range Planning process. Two groups were assigned to engage kids, two to engage teens, and two to engage young adults. Each group shared their engagement strategy at the end, which included a "Long-Range Plan Van", a planning summer camp, a teacher/student council, community-based tabling events, creating a mobile app to submit ideas, and host a social media contest.

Member Discussion and Networking

Many attendees stayed after to network and gather additional DVRPC reports and resources.

Committee Business and Upcoming Outreach, Events, and News

Shoshana Akins announced that the next Task Force meeting will be September 25, 2018.