

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Regional Data Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Members Present

Kim Kim	Bill Lafayette	Rick Stein
Shoreh Elhami	David Landsbergen	Matt Veryser
Tom Goodney	Ernest Perry	
Tom Kneeland	Scott Sanders	

MORPC Staff Present

William Murdock	Nancy Reger
Rob Powell	Bevan Schneck

Guests: Sam Orth, Director of Technology/CIO at the City of Columbus

I. Welcome and Committee Administration

Vice-Chair Kim welcomed the committee members and guests on behalf of Chair Paini.

Powell asked for confirmation of the emails on file for use with the DropBox.

II. Discuss and Adopt Committee Mission

The draft Mission Statement was shared and Vice-Chair Kim opened the discussion. Committee members expressed concern over the phrase “trusted data” as it was thought to be subjective, and beyond the scope of the committee to be responsible for how data available through the regional catalog was being used in a “trustworthy” manner. The phrase “open data” was suggested instead, with the understanding that the term refers to information that is made available and is open for public use and not restricted to the limited definition of government data.

The committee voted to affirm the changes and the new mission statement.

Draft Mission Statement:

“The Regional Data Advisory Committee advances strategic actions around data policies and eases access to trusted data in Central Ohio.”

Final and Affirmed Mission Statement:

“The Regional Data Advisory Committee advances data policies and strategic actions to increase access to open data in Central Ohio.”

III. Discuss and Adopt Vision Statement

Vice-Chair Kim opened the draft Vision Statement for discussion. Similar to the Mission Statement, the phrase “trusted data” was considered too subjective. Vice-Chair Kim stressed that the Vision Statement should reflect the long term effects of the committees’ actions, a clear statement of what the committee is working toward. As such, committee members simplified the draft vision statement and removed superlative phrases to emphasize the stark intent of the committee’s vision.

The committee voted to affirm the changes and accept the new vision statement

Draft Vision Statement

“Central Ohio is a leader in using innovative technology, analytic skills, and trusted data to improve the quality of life for all Central Ohio residents.”

Final and Affirmed Vision Statement

“Central Ohio is a leader in using data to improve the quality of life for all residents.”

IV. Review Subcommittee Roles and Actions

Chairman Kim opened the draft of the purpose and actions of the proposed subcommittees for discussion. Three subcommittees were under consideration: communication, technical and funding. Powell circulated a sheet for committee members to identify which subcommittee they had interest in joining. The funding subcommittee was dropped as members felt it was premature to focus on this until more groundwork was done on establishing the regional data catalog and to make sure the RDAC efforts were complimenting data initiatives coming out of the #SmartColumbus project rather than repeating them.

Committee members emphasized the role of the technical subcommittee need to focus on data governance.

Communication Subcommittee To build awareness and promote the value of the committee

- publicizes the mission and vision statements
- develops an elevator speech for sharing
- publicizes the committee’s existence
- establishes any necessary branding
- solicits content for the data catalog
- makes suggestions on MORPC public policy initiatives that reference data and
- informs RDAC of other data initiatives to identify collaborative leveraging opportunities

Technical Subcommittee Role: Sets governance standards associated with actions of the RDAC.

- recommends data standards and content of the Data Catalog
- sets standards for data quality
- establishes standards for data security and compliance
- makes suggestions on public policy initiatives of MORPC referencing data
- conduit to #SmartColumbus IDE activities
- reviews RFP’s as required for technical functionality

V. Subcommittee Formation

Committee members selected their preferred subcommittee. MORPC staff was instructed to confirm with absent committee members on their preference, and to schedule subcommittee meetings for reporting out at the December RDAC meeting. Paini and Kim agreed to participate in both subcommittees.

Communications (Reger)

Anderson
Cook
Goodney
Kneeland
Lafayette
Sanders
Veryser

Technical (Powell)

Bowman
Elhami
Landsbergen
Perry
Stein

VI. Other Business

• **Smart Columbus update**

Reger reviewed ways that the RDAC and #SmartColumbus intersect. The project is fast moving and relatively finite in scope, and in the short term, the RDAC's role is limited to informational to assure that the Integrated Data Exchange (IDE) is designed to be scalable for regional expansion, and supportive by assisting with data sets and through other means as they arise.

• **MORPC Public Policy Agenda**

Powell reported that the 2017-2018 MORPC Public Policy Agenda is being developed. Schneck announced that a draft should be available for review in mid-October. Powell will make the draft available to the RDAC for comment.

• **MORPC Data Catalog**

Powell shared MORPC's Open Data Catalog that includes MORPC centric data sets. The catalog is created on the ESRI Open Data catalog platform. This is a standard platform that will be used to create the Regional Data Catalog.

• **Data Driven Conference**

RDAC members were invited to register for the DataDriven2016 conference organized by Community Research Partners.

• **If time, review websites of other region initiatives**

Time was not available for this element.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Kim at 4:30 pm.