

SPC Pillar Team Members Meeting March 19, 2018

Mayor Mike McCann remarks:

Set future meeting dates – Debbie will sent out an email request for dates – e/o/m etc.

Pillar Progress Reports:

Pillar 1: Connectivity: Gathering folks under transportation, safety, and networks. Contacted with Bill Lammers from the Dream Center and the Buildup Academy. Meeting with Ryan Mack on the broadband initiative. Working with Tina Hiler and ODOT on a grant for vehicles to use for transportation. Received a verbal commitment from ODOT on a Mobility Manager Position grant to provide transportation for the community.

Pillar 2: Culture and Education: Working on a committee. Met on cultural arts needs in the community – 24 people met to network and interested in marketing these needs. Working with Defiance City School Board on renovate/marketing the 1918 Building. The Armory can be used for music lessons, etc. that the cultural arts committee discussed. Garman Miller proposed refurbishing the gymnasium as open space for a lot of activities. On the Education perspective – to focus on the work force development piece.

Pillar 3: Economic Development: Working on assembling a team. Distributed a flyer from the CIC office as an overview. We need to market our community through awards or certifications that the city receives. Regarding workforce development – meeting with the Dream Center to integrate into this committee. Carla had bus trips with area schools to manufacturing industries spring 2018. Summer 2018 manufacturing camps will target 11-14 year olds. Evening open houses will take place with DDVB and Chamber of Commerce.

Pillar 4: Health and Wellness: Action team members: Jen Casertano, Bridget Fischer, Jamie Gerken, Katie Groff, and Mandi Kissner. Distributed Action Plans to all and progress report on the two strategies. Make the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

Pillar 5: Housing: Created a housing survey to possibly include with the utility bills. Also has flyers to place around Defiance. A link to the survey will be placed on the Defiance City website. (Debbie) CRA investment area – send to group (Debbie-Mike)

Pillar 6: Perception: Team members Anne Murray, Mike Struble, Luis Riviera, Rob Lawson, and Dave Plant. Conversations on a SWOT analysis. Discussed developing a survey to post on the website. Discussed group presentations to area businesses, etc.