**Westerville Area Chamber Office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082**

**Agenda Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024, 3:30-4:45 PM**

**Attendees**: Jeff Akers, Rita Bassiet, Dennis Blair, Ashley Fellers, Graham Guthrie, Laura Hartman, Sophia Kisgeropoulos, Megan O’Hara, Gene Hollins, Mike McGreevey, Mark Smolik. Staff member: Janet Tressler-Davis

1. Welcome & Introductions - Jeff Akers

2. Members of Committee Teams

Healthcare – Andy H.

Taxation/Worker’s Comp. – Brandon Lawson

Workforce: WorkWISE – Janet/Gene

* April 8th is also the teacher externship day sponsored by the WorkWISE group. 30 teachers are registered to join the Chamber and WCSD Representatives.
* Otterbein is hosting an HR internship fair program to prepare students for the workforce.
* April 3rd is the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio Healthcare panel at COPC. This is to improve staffing and the interest pipeline from the K12 schools.

Westerville City School Finance Committee

* The 5-year forecast remains on target with the renovation of older schools. There may be updates to which school received priority as planning continues.
* The challenge is a 56% increase in costs.
* There may be an issue on the November ballot.

Strategic Planning Committee

* An outside facilitator is engaging various sectors to discuss future objectives for the district and how some of those objectives may be met in the near-term and long-term future.
* The School Board is in a due diligence and data gathering phase.
* The next meeting is coming up on April 10th.

3. Aaron Glasgow, Westerville City Councilmember, appointed to replace vacant position

He grew up in Westerville and practices law downtown. It was good to connect with him. He welcomed anyone on the council to reach out to him if we have a question or an idea for the City.

4. Angie Hamberg, Acting Superintendent for Westerville City Schools

WCSD Strategic Planning Process & School Updates

* Slides will be shared.

5. Review of Council’s Priority Agenda

* Janet Davis, Jeff Akers, and Laura Hartman review the priority agenda. There were no significant updates. The priority agenda will go to the Chamber’s Board to be approved and adopted. The document will then be posted on the BAC website.

5. Future Meeting Topics- What topic is of interest to you?

* JCR Presentation on Streamlining of Ohio’s Administrative Code
  + <https://cutredtape.ohio.gov/> – to submit suggestions for rule removal
* Plans for Westerville Public Library Nov. Ballot issue
* Plans for Westerville City School Nov. Ballot issue
* City of Westerville and Harlem Township merger vote in November
* LinkUs COTA Connection information
* Rachel Ray, Economic Development Director for the City of Westerville with a second update Q3 or 4
* State Legislative Roundtable
* State Rep. Michelle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Affordable Housing Update

Reminders:

* Tuesday, May 7 @ 3:30pm - Business Advocacy Council
* Tuesday, June 4 @ 3:30pm – Business Advocacy Council
* Tuesday, July 2 – BAC on Recess
* Tuesday, August 6 @ 3:30pm – Business Advocacy Council

Meetings are typically held at the Chamber office.