Westerville Area Chamber office 99 Commerce Park Dr. 43082

Agenda: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 3:30-4:40 PM

Attendees: Jeff Akers, Polly Clavijo, Gene Hollins, Dr. John Kellogg, Michael McGreevy, and Judy Mock

**Welcome** – Introductions

**Committees**

* Healthcare – Andy Hardy – No Update
* Taxation/Worker’s Comp. Brandon/Charlene – No Update
* Workforce: WorkWISE – John Kellogg/Janet/Gene
  + Cataloging Workforce Business Resources – work is ongoing. A prototype of a website will be shared at the October meeting. This is a focus on businesses that are interested in locating within Westerville or increasing their presence.
  + Delaware County Resource Expo. For Businesses – October at Columbus State Delaware Campus – Jeff will do some research.
  + Dispatch article on the impact of Intel written by John Kellogg: [A 4-year college degree is not the only path to the middle class](https://www.dispatch.com/story/opinion/columns/guest/2022/09/01/opinion-what-role-can-credentials-and-two-year-play-for-students-intel-ohio-columbus/10198808002/)

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning** – [Rapid5](https://www.rapid5.org/) – Jennifer Noll, Associate Director of Community Development

* RAPID 5 is a vision to reframe the connectivity of the region based on the natural geography defined by our waterways; to connect all Franklin County residents to the region's natural resources, cultural, and economic resources for recreation, commuting, commerce, education, and relaxation.
* Connecting with nature and one another like never before.
* How can we do more with the beautiful natural landscape that flourishes in our community? What if every member of our community is within a mile-and-a-half of a park?
* Of the five plans, the one along the Alum Creek trail will impact Westerville the most: <https://www.rapid5.org/visions/alum-creek-aecom>.
* Just like MORPC, RAPID5’s role will primarily be advisory in nature to communities interested in developing their waterways.

**Future Meeting Topics**

* Safety and Security in our offices with Police Chief Chandler and Justice Center Tour
  + Delayed until future date because groups are still moving in.
* WCSD New Elementary Update and Tour
  + Sunday, September 18th the Westerville Education Foundation will host a [Grow & Glow](https://www.westervilleeducationfoundation.com/glow-and-grow-2022) event at Minvera France. Any person is welcome and it is free.
* Update on the State Budget

**Adjourn**: 4:35pm

Meetings: The Business Advocacy Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month

Upcoming meetings: October 4, Nov. 1 (Election Day), Dec. 6