

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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**MIAMI VALLEY**

Regional Planning Commission

Shaping Our Region's Future Together

**September 6, 2018**

## **Orientations Held to Inform Board and TAC Delegates and Alternates**

On August 9, 2018 and August 29, 2018, the MVRPC staff scheduled and hosted an agency orientation for new delegates, members, and alternates of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



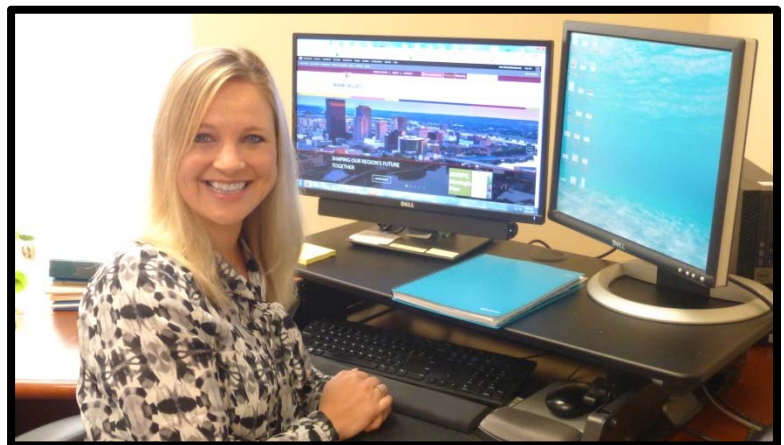
and Board of Directors. MVRPC staff presented overall information on the agency's purpose, structure, and role in the Miami Valley plus specific information on Transportation Planning, Regional Planning, Sustainability and Environmental Planning, and details on various programs, campaigns, and the agency's website [www.mvrpc.org](http://www.mvrpc.org).

The two meetings were well attended and the members mentioned their communities appreciate and value the

work of MVRPC. For all committee delegates and alternates to review, the orientation slides have been saved at [www.mvrpc.org/committee-center](http://www.mvrpc.org/committee-center) in the September Board Meeting Attachment section.

## **Laura Henry – Marketing and Public Outreach Coordinator**

As someone with varied interests, Springfield native Laura Henry didn't want to limit herself when it came to job opportunities. Laura attended Springfield's Shawnee High School and graduated from Wright State University where she was an active member of the Delta Zeta sorority. She majored in Business Management and minored in Political Science noting that she



wanted something in business that was broad-based enough to keep her job options open. After a few internships, she graduated in 2007 and began working for Clear Channel Radio / iHeartMedia in Dayton as an Account Manager. Later, Laura was promoted to Digital Sales Coordinator working in

Indianapolis and Dayton. She joined MVRPC in 2014 as the Marketing & Public Outreach Associate, and Laura was recently promoted to Coordinator. Laura's primary responsibilities include oversight of MVRPC's social media presence (which has grown tremendously) and Public Participation efforts. She also assists with the Rideshare and Air Quality Awareness Programs. In her free time, she enjoys attending live concerts/festivals around the country, practicing yoga, crafting, and tackling home décor projects. Recently, she refinished her family's antique furniture, built a floor-to-ceiling family tree (complete with family photos), and an outdoor patio table out of reclaimed barn wood for her boyfriend. How's that for having varied interests?

### **MVRPC Night Out at the Dragons**

On Monday, August 20, 2018, the staff and guests, including City of Riverside's Deputy Mayor, Sara Lommatzsch and City Manager, Mark Carpenter, enjoyed a night out at Fifth Third Field to watch the Dayton Dragons baseball team take on the Bowling Green Hot Rods. The Dragons took an early lead with a two-run home run in the third inning. Unfortunately, the lead was short lived and the Hot Rods defeated the Dragons 5 - 2. While the game did not play out in favor of the home team, it was still a great evening out at the ballpark while enjoying outstanding service and food by the Dayton Dragons staff.



### **Grants & Funding Resources**

On a monthly basis, MVRPC is highlighting several funding opportunities on our website that could benefit communities in the Region. We include a description, contact information and program links. We have also listed other valuable resources for finding funding opportunities. See more at:

[mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities](http://mvrpc.org/grant-and-funding-opportunities).

This month we are featuring information on:

- Whole Kids Foundation US School Garden Grant– Deadline: October 15, 2018
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF Ohio)– Deadline: November 15, 2018

If you need assistance with your grant pursuit or further research, please contact Martin Kim, Director of Regional Planning, at 937.223.6323 or [mkim@mvrpc.org](mailto:mkim@mvrpc.org).

### **Upcoming MVRPC Meetings**

09/07/18	10:30 a.m.	Regional Bikeways Committee, Xenia Community Library, 76 E. Market, Xenia
09/20/18	9:30 a.m.	Technical Advisory Committee, MVRPC, 10 N. Ludlow St. Ste 700, Dayton, OH
09/25/18	10:00 a.m.	Greater Region Mobility Initiative, Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main, Troy
09/26/18	9:30 a.m.	Sustainability Roundtable on Storm Water Pt. 2, MVRPC, 10 N. Ludlow, Dayton
10/04/18	8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee: Dayton Realtors, 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, OH
10/04/18	9:00 a.m.	Board of Directors: Dayton Realtors, 1515 S. Main St., Dayton, OH
10/08/18	All Day	Office Closed for Columbus Day