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**MARCH 18, 2019 PUBLIC MEETING  
SUMMARY**

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Residents came together at a public meeting on March 18 at Centralia Center to hear Project and Incourage updates. Project updates included:

#### 2018 Progress

There was plenty of progress behind the scenes in 2018 for the Tribune. Throughout the year, work was done in four areas: Advocacy, Programming, Tours, and Fund Development. View the [timeline](#) and watch our [2018 Progress video](#).

#### State Budget Request

Funding for the Tribune Building Project has been included in the Governor's budget proposal! While this is very good news, it is important to remember that the Governor's budget proposal is just the first step in the process of developing the state budget. Next, Tribune funding will be considered by the Joint Finance Committee and then to both houses of the state legislature. View the press release [here](#).

#### Incourage/UW-Stevens Point Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Guest Jenny Resch, Director- Office of Economic and Community Development, of UW Stevens Point, shared the University's excitement for the partnership with Incourage and the UW having a physical presence in our community. This partnership was announced at a press event at the Tribune on March 15. View the press release [here](#). UW Stevens Point will be hosting listening sessions later this Spring to learn from residents and the community to ensure they will be meeting community needs.

#### Operating Model Presentation

Incourage consultant Diane Lupke, an expert in Economic Development, reviewed and updated the operating model for the Tribune. Diane provided background information on economic trends across the nation. This included key factors influencing change and what living a globalized economy means for rural communities. She reviewed the updated operations plan for the Tribune. The Tribune will help drive regional transformation because of its riverfront location, connectivity to other downtown projects (Boys & Girls Club/YMCA, Farmers Market, etc), and the collaboration that will happen in and out of the space.

Diane also introduced the "SkunkWorks" model and how this model can be applied to the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, an initiative of Incourage and the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. For a full description of the initiative, click [here](#). To watch the Tribune Building meeting and to see Diane's full presentation, which includes updated programming and building usage, click [here](#).

## Where can I learn more?

Please visit the project website, [tribunebuilding.org](http://tribunebuilding.org), or call Incourage at 715-423-3863.