

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
April 13, 2016

The April 13, 2016 Council of Officials meeting was held at Karray's Cafe in La Vista, Nebraska. Doug Kindig, Mayor of La Vista, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council Members and guest. The dinner started at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Scott Belt	Supervisor, Pottawattamie County
David Black	Mayor, City of Papillion
Fred Conley	Papio-Missouri River NRD
David DeBoer	Lead Utilization Engineer, MUD
Clare Duda	Commissioner, Douglas County (representing Board Chairman Mary Ann Borgeson)
Doug Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Ron Kohn	Board Chairman, Mills County
Paul Krause	Board Chairman, Village of Arlington
Daniel Lawse	Metro Board Chair
Carl Lorenzen	Washington County
Jerry McCall	Planning Consultant, Fremont Public Schools
Tom Richards	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Robert Roseland	Mayor, City of Springfield
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Joe Soucie	Public Works Director, City of Ralston
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Others:

Pam Buethe	City of La Vista
Rod Buethe	Guest
Gayle Duda	Guest
Lynn Grobe	Pottawattamie County
Deb Hale	City of La Vista
Cindy Miserez	City of La Vista
Andrew Rainbolt	Sarpy County EDC
Rick Sanders	Guest
Jim Thompson	Sarpy County
Carol Vinton	Citizen

MAPA Staff:

Grant Anderson	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel
Michael Felschow	Karna Loewenstein	Patti McCoy	Greg Youell

B. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES – (Action)

Council of Officials Meeting
April 13, 2016

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Richards to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes.

Motion Carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS – (Action)

1. FY 2017 Budget

a. Annual Survey Results & Budget Overview – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell presented the FY 2017 Budget Items listed below to the Council. Mr. Youell shared with the Council the results of the Annual Survey. There were 32 responses. The responses showed continued interest in the technical expertise that MAPA provides (modeling; mapping; GIS; understanding financing and grants). There is continued interest in the data that MAPA provides included population/employment data; economic and workforce data. For community development, there was interest in assisting some smaller communities with TIF items. There was a high level interest in disaster and emergency planning. For new work areas, there was a lot of interest in discussing transportation financing and highlighting best practices for planning and development.

b. FY 2017 Budget Schedule – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell presented the Budget Schedule to the Council. The Budget Schedule covers the July 2016 – June 2017 activities. A final budget will be provided to the Council for approval at the July meeting.

c. FY 2017 Draft Unified Work Program (UPWP) & Activities – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented the FY 2017 Draft UPWP to the Council for approval. Next year MAPA will be working a lot on the Metro Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS). This study is being conducted with the Nebraska Department of Roads and looks at the next 20 years of the transportation system and future projects and programs. The data gathered from the MTIS will be included in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The FAST Act was passed in December and part of that is a grant for \$800 million, this grant will be focused on freight and economic development projects. MAPA continues work in Pottawattamie County on their Transportation Master Plan and the Sarpy County Transit Study. MAPA is currently working on an electric vehicle application to the state to provide electric vehicle charging stations. In transit, MAPA will continue working on 5310 funding and the One-Call Center project.

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Belt to approve the FY 2017 Draft UPWP.

Motion Carried.

D. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Elections – (Action)

a. Council of Officials President

MOTION by Sanders, SECOND by Black to elect Mayor Doug Kindig as MAPA Council of Officials President.

Motion Carried.

b. Council of Officials Vice President

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Sanders to elect Supervisor Tom Hanafan as MAPA Council of Officials Vice-President.

Motion Carried.

c. Iowa Small Communities/Counties Representative on the Board

MOTION by Kindig, SECOND by Walsh to elect Supervisor Ron Kohn as Iowa Small Communities/Counties Representative on the Board.

Motion Carried.

d. Nebraska Small Communities/Counties Representatives on the Board

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Kohn to elect Mayor Doug Kindig as Nebraska Small Communities/Counties Representative on the Board.

Motion Carried.

2. Heartland 2050 Update – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein provided an update to the Council on the Heartland 2050 activities. In February, Heartland 2050 hosted the winter summit and had approximately 240 people in attendance. The Iowa West Foundation awarded H2050 a grant for \$65,000. Currently staff is working on the quarterly speaker series and looking for speakers that can provide information on specific topics that are relevant to H2050. The planning for the summer summit is underway and the Keynote Speaker will be Jeff Speck, author of "The Walkable City". Currently, the plan is to announce 5 large projects at the summer summit. The Implementation Committees and Executive Committee is working hard to narrow down the projects. A team of up to 10 people will be traveling on a site visit to Salt Lake City, Utah in September or early October.

E. COMMUNITY REPORTS – (Info)

Mr. Doug Kindig requested community updates from the members in attendance.

- Springfield - currently working on infrastructure and improvements in the sewer system.
- Sarpy County – celebrating Werner Park's 5 year anniversary.
- Washington County - finally recovering from the June 2014 hail storm; the Hwy 133 widening project will be done in July 2017.
- Council Bluffs – jurisdiction moved from the Iowa DOT to Council Bluffs to work on West Broadway; riverfront has a \$6.5 million addition coming to Hanafan Park and will include a community room that can be rented out for events; the city is also working to pass a \$1.2 million bond issue on May 3 for a new police headquarters.
- Douglas County – there has been discussion on working with Omaha on a crime lab; \$30 million bond issue on Public Safety is coming up this Fall for 911 equipment
- Mills County – Ragbrai is starting in Mills County, Iowa this year; in the completion pages of the conservation building in Loess Hills Park

Council of Officials Meeting
April 13, 2016

- Arlington – The trail light project is complete; the Municipal building has structural issues and needs to be torn down
- Papillion – Opened up a new Public Works complex; Veteran's cemetery to open in September; sales tax increase is currently on the ballot and will be dedicated to Parks and Recreations for the next 20 years.
- Bellevue – Offutt Air Force Base Project is looking good; the new conference center will be open in June; new project in the works for Lockwood Development; NRD levy bond is on the ballot; Hayworth Park will be getting additional funding; City Hall will be moving out of downtown Bellevue
- Omaha Housing Authority – relocated headquarters to the United Way building downtown
- Metro Transit – Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is on track and buses are expected to be on the street in 2018; anticipating to have the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) available prior to the completion of the BRT
- Fremont Schools – Welding program is very popular
- Papio-Missouri River NRD – working on the 170th & Fort St. dam

F. GUEST SPEAKER, ANDREW RAINBOLT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SARPY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP – (Info)

First quarter is in the books and Sarpy County has had about \$90 million in building permit valuations, approximately \$2 million more than last year. Last year was a good year in development for Sarpy County and much of it was driven by housing. The Sarpy County EDC markets property and responds to opportunity.

H. ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.