

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
October 5, 2016

The October 5, 2016 Council of Officials meeting was held at Beardmore Event Center of Bellevue in Bellevue, Nebraska. Rita Sanders, Mayor of Bellevue, opened the meeting by welcoming all Councilmembers and guest. The dinner started at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

David Klug	Chairman, Papio-Missouri River NRD
Ron Kohn	Board Chairman, Mills County
Jerry McCall	Fremont Public Schools
Tim O'Brien	Economic Development Manager, Omaha Public Power District
Dan Owens	Executive Director, Omaha Airport Authority
Cassie Paben	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Terri Quick	Council President, City of La Vista
James Realph	Mayor, City of Blair
Tom Richards	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Jeremy Rodman	Councilmember, City of Glenwood
Robert Roseland	Mayor, City of Springfield
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Clint Sargent	Mayor, Missouri Valley
Tom Schneckloth	Fire Chief, City of Minden
James Timmerman	Mayor, City of Gretna
Gerald Waltrip	Mayor, City of Carter Lake
Jeff Zdan	Vice President, Ralston Public Schools Board of Education

Others:

Kyle Anderson	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Scott Austin	Lamp Rynearson
Holly Barber	Citizen
Donna Barry	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
John Brownell	Citizen
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Eric Carpenter	Christ Community Church
Doug Clark	City of Gretna
Darci Coolidge	Citizen
John Coolidge	Lamp Rynearson
Kate Corrigan	Citizen
Richard Crouch	Mills County
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County
Kathleen Gottsch	City of Springfield
Deb Hale	City of La Vista
Rondae Hill	Prospect Village Neighborhood Association
Holly Jackson	Mills County
Steve Jensen	Jensen Consulting
Patrick Kastl	Alfred Benesch & Company
Loras Klostermann	Schemmer
Joanne Kohn	Citizen
Jeff Kooistra	City of Gretna
John Krager	HGM Associates, Inc.
Linda Lovgren	Lovgren Marketing Group
Donna Lynam	Sarpy County
Norita Matt	City of Omaha
Steve McCullough	Alfred Benesch & Company

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Craig Mielke	Alfred Benesch & Company
Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Steve Moffitt	HGM Associates Inc.
Tim O'Bryan	Alfred Benesch & Company
Virgil Oligmueller	Lamp Ryneerson
Regan Pence	Lamp Ryneerson
Leslie Peterson	Lamp Ryneerson
Nancy Pridal	Lamp Ryneerson
Carol Robertson	Mills County
Daisy-Hutzell Rodman	Omaha Magazine
Rick Sanders	Citizen
Rosie Schuman	Abide
Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Jason Stahr	City of Gretna
Ron Tekippe	HGM Associates, Inc.
James Thele	City of Omaha
Kim Thomas	City of La Vista
David Thomas	City of Omaha
Carol Vinton	Citizen
Nick Weander	Olsson & Associates
Jacob Weiss	HDR, Inc.
Darin Whatcott	Mills County
Todd Whitfield	Lamp Ryneerson
Sue Wilson	Citizen
Tracy Youell	Citizen
Lyn Wallin-Ziegenbein	Citizen

MAPA Staff:

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Natasha Barrett	Christina Brownell
Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth	Lynn Dittmer	Melissa Engel
Michael Felschow	Mike Helgersen	Karna Loewenstein	Patti McCoy
Annie Pigaga	Matt Roth	Megan Walker	Greg Youell

B. CALL TO ORDER – (Info)

Mayor Rita Sanders, City of Bellevue, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Sanders announced the Open Meetings act, thanked our sponsors for the evening and introduced Sarpy County Commissioner, Tom Richards

C. WELCOME TO SARPY COUNTY – (Info)

Mr. Tom Richards, Sarpy County Commissioner, welcomed the Council of Officials and Guest to Sarpy County.

D. BUSINESS –

1. Approval of the July 13, 2016 Council of Officials Meeting Minutes – (Action)

MOTION by Richards, SECOND by Paben to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes.
Motion Carried.

2. Approval of the Heartland 2050 Action Plan – (Action)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein presented the Heartland 2050 Action Plan to the Council for approval. Over the last year and a half, Heartland 2050 has worked the Implementation Committees in each of the topic areas to review, revise and refine the Action Plan. The Action Plan has been recommended by the Heartland 2050 Implementation Committees, reviewed and approved by the Heartland 2050 Executive Committee, and went to a public comment period.

MOTION by Paben, SECOND by Richards to approve the Heartland 2050 Action Plan.
Motion Carried.

3. Appointment of Heartland 2050 Executive Committee Members – (Action)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein presented the Heartland 2050 Executive Committee Membership to the Council for approval.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Richards to approve the appointment of the Heartland 2050 Executive Committee Members.
Motion Carried.

E. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – (Info)

Mayor Sanders encouraged attendees to review MAPA's Annual Report as it highlights MAPA's work over the past year. MAPA assisted in coordination of the Joint Land Use study. The City of Bellevue is continuing to work with MAPA on implementing JLUS recommendations. The Platteview Road Corridor Study that MAPA, Sarpy County and the team at Olsson and Associates is another example of an important project in the area that is pro-active. Sarpy County is the fastest growing County in the state of Nebraska and the growth will put pressure on the Southern part of County and the corridor study takes a step to prepare for that growth now. Mayor Sanders also participated in the Heartland 2050 Regional Vision project. Mayor Sanders introduced MAPA Executive Director, Greg Youell.

F. DIRECTORS REMARKS – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell discussed MAPA activities from recent years and their impact on the metro area. Mr. Youell encouraged communities to contact MAPA for assistance with writing grants, finding funding and assistance with planning and implementing. MAPA can also assist in facilitating community conversation, an example of this is the assistance MAPA provided for Pottawattamie County Solid Waste Task Force. Mr. Youell shared that this is an interesting time for planners as assumptions for how we get around and what future development will look like is changing fast.

G. GUEST SPEAKER –

The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein, Executive Director Emerita – Peter Kiewit Foundation.

H. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL AWARDS –

Mayor Sanders announced the award recipient of the 2016 Regional Citizenship Award, Mills County Supervisor, Mr. Ron Kohn. Mr. Greg Youell, introduced award recipient of the 2016 Regional Service Award, the City of Omaha Planning Department for the Prospect Village Initiative, Mr. David Thomas accepted the award.

I. ADJOURNMENT –

Mayor Sanders acknowledged that next year will mark MAPA's 50th Anniversary. Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.