

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
October 4, 2017

The October 4, 2017 Council of Officials meeting was held at Livestock Exchange Ballrooms, in Omaha, Nebraska. Doug Kindig, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Councilmembers and guest to the 2017 MAPA Council of Officials Annual Meeting. The dinner started at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Denny Bardsley	Mayor, City of Underwood
Scott Belt	Pottawattamie County
Marty Bilek	Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
David Black	Mayor, City of Papillion
Clare Duda	Commissioner, Douglas County
Doug Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Dr. Dan Kinney	President, Iowa Western Community College
David Klug	Chairman, Papio-Missouri River NRD
Daniel Lawse	Board Chairman, Metro
Carl Lorenzen	Washington County
Gary Mixan	Commissioner, Sarpy County
Dan Owens	Executive Director, Omaha Airport Authority
Vince Palermo	Omaha City Council
Robert Roseland	Mayor, City of Springfield
Rita Sanders	Mayor, City of Bellevue
James Timmerman	Mayor, City of Gretna
Carol Vinton	Supervisor, Mills County
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

Others:

Patty Albright	Guest
David Anderson	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Kyle Anderson	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Stuart Anderson	Iowa DOT
Holly Barber	Guest
Ginny Bardsley	Guest
Donna Barry	Office of Senator Chuck Grassley
Jamie Berglund	Omaha by Design
Ann Birch	City of La Vista
Doug Bisson	HDR, Inc.
Lt. Kevin Bridges	Nebraska State Patrol
Patti Bridges	Guest
David Brown	Greater Omaha Chamber
John Brownell	Guest
Michael Bruckner	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Larry Burks	City of Bellevue
Jason Carbee	HDR, Inc.
Naomi Christensen	Former MAPA Board Member
Mick Cornett	Mayor, Oklahoma City
Kate Corrigan	Guest
Richard Crouch	Mills County
Arobindu Das	Iteris
Hal Daub	Husch Blackwell

Council of Officials Meeting
October 4, 2017

Mary Daub	Guest
Adam Denney	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Donn Dierks	Council Bluffs Public Health Department
Jacquie Dierks	Guest
Scott Dobbe	DLR Group
Scott Dolton	Office of Congressman Don Bacon
Gayle Duda	Guest
Dean Dunn	City of Bellevue
Kara Eastman	Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance
Jan Ehrens	City of Underwood
Ryan Ellis	PJ Morgan Real Estate
Dan Emanuel	Emanuel Construction Specialties
David Fanslau	City of Omaha
Jay Ferris	Veridian Credit Union
Tony Fiala	Guest
Ellen Fitzsimmons	studioINSITE
Lt. Governor Mike Foley	State of Nebraska
Larry Foster	City of Council Bluffs
Barb Foster	Guest
Bruce Fountain	Sarpy County
Angie Frederick	YMCA of Greater Omaha
Tanya French	Guest
Marcy Fritter	National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
Brandon Garrett	City of Council Bluffs
Amanda Garrett	Guest
Michael Geier	Snyder & Associates, Inc.
Michelle George	Guest
Joan Green	E&A Consulting Group, Inc.
Lynn Grobe	Guest
Deb Hale	City of La Vista
Rep. Mary Ann Hanusa	Iowa Legislature
Paula Hazelwood	Advance Southwest Iowa Corporation
Lauren Helgersen	Guest
Shane Hennessey	Olsson Associates
Chris Hennings	Benesch
Michael Herzog	City of Springfield
Doug Holle	Schemmer Associates
Charly Huddleston	Schemmer Associates
Holly Jackson	Mills County
Jon Jacobson	Iowa House of Representatives
Todd Jarosz	City of Bellevue
Steve Jensen	Steve Jensen Consulting, Inc.
Charlie Johnson	Office of Congressman David Young
Barbara Johnston	Guest
Sorin Juster	Kirkham Michael
Pat Kastle	Benesch
Don Kelly	Sarpy County
Loras Klostermann	Schemmer Associates
Ron Kohn	Former MAPA Board Chairman
Joanne Kohn	Guest
Senator Rick Kolowski	State of Nebraska
Ct. Brenda Konfrst	Nebraska Highway State Patrol
Jeff Kooistra	City of Gretna
Kandis Koozer	City of Gretna
Tara Kramer	HDR, Inc.
Steve Kruger	Washington County
Jana Kruger	Guest

Council of Officials Meeting
October 4, 2017

Matt Kruse	Lamp Rynearson
Amber Kummer	City of Papillion
Russell Kurth	Harrison County
Jeff Kutash	Peter Kiewit Foundation
Angie Lauritsen	City of Gretna
David Levy	Baird Holm
Derick Lewin	PJ Morgan Real Estate
Fr. Ryan Lewis	Gross Catholic High School
Lt. Craig Loveless	Nebraska Highway State Patrol
Linda Lovgren	Lovgren Marketing Group
Mike Luchtel	Olsson Associates
Jay Lund	Green Slate Management
Donna Lynam	Sarpy County
Brian Madison	Bellevue Public Works Department
Joe Mangiamelli	City of Bellevue
Jon Markt	HDR, Inc.
Chad Marsh	Kirkham Michael
Aubrey Martinez	Guest
Colleen Mason	PJ Morgan Real Estate
Steve McCoy	Guest
Matt McFadden	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Mark Meisinger	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Shannon Meister	Guest
Craig Mielke	Benesch
Derek Miller	City of Omaha
Cindy Miserez	City of La Vista
Karen Mullen	Guest
Paul Mullen	Former MAPA Executive Director
Christine Myers	City of Papillion
Tom Nemitz	Lovgren Marketing Group
Stephen Osberg	City of Omaha
Mark Peters	Olsson Associates
Todd Pfitzer	Lamp Rynearson
Nancy Pridal	Lamp Rynearson
Bart Pugh	Schemmer Associates
Vicki Quaites-Ferris	The Empowerment Network
Terrilynn Quick	City of La Vista
Epiphany Ramos	Bellevue Public Works Department
Stephanie Rittershaus	HDR, Inc.
Jeff Roberts	Bellevue Public Works Department
Carol Robertson	Mills County
Chris Rolling	Olsson Associates
Allison Sambol	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Clint Sargent	City of Missouri Valley
Kevin Sasse	Olsson Associates
Wendy Schultz	City of Council Bluffs
Justin Schultz	Pottawattamie County
Matt Selinger	HDR, Inc.
Rich Severson	City of Bellevue
Jim Shada	City of Bellevue
Pat Shannon	City of Bellevue
Chris Shewchuk	City of Bellevue
Dan Sitorius	Kirkham Michael
Sarah Sjolie	Live Well Omaha
Jeffrey Sockel	Benesch
Chris Solberg	City of La Vista

Council of Officials Meeting
October 4, 2017

Joe Soucie	City of La Vista
Jason Stahr	City of Gretna
Bob Stubbe	City of Omaha
John Sullivan	BCDM Architects
Matt Sutton	Schemmer Associates
Carrie Svendsen	City of Papillion
Todd Swirczek	City of Omaha
Shane Swope	Schemmer Associates
Jim Thompson	Sarpy County
Jim Thompson	Papio Missouri River NRD
Tammy Tisdall	City of Gretna
Debbie Tritsch	Council Bluffs Health Department
David Tritsch	Guest
William Troe	SRF Consulting
Pete Tulipana	Iowa West Foundation
Kody Unstad	Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Brett Wawers	Lamp Rynearson
Nick Weander	Olsson Associates
Tim Weander	Nebraska DOT
Alice Weander	Guest
Jacob Weiss	HDR, Inc.
Ken West	DLR Group
Jill Willard	City of Underwood
Nate Williams	Olsson Associates
Joy Willoughby	Metro Transit
Dennis Wilson	Sarpy County
Laurie Wilson	Guest
Leslie Wollack	National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)
Tracie Youell	Guest
Brian Zuger	Sarpy County
Mark Zumdohme	Graepel North America Inc.
Heike Zumdohme	Guest

MAPA Staff:

Grant Anderson	Court Barber	Natasha Barrett	Christina Brownell
Josh Corrigan	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Don Gross
Travis Halm	Mike Helgersen	Karna Loewenstein	Patti McCoy
Amanda Morales	Annie Pigaga	Matt Roth	Jeff Spiehs
Owen Stuckey	Madison Woodrum	Greg Youell	

B. CALL TO ORDER – (Information)

Mayor Doug Kindig, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. Mr. Kindig noted that MAPA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. President Kindig introduced Omaha Chief of Staff, Marty Bilek and Douglas County Commissioner, Clare Duda.

C. WELCOME – (Information)

Mr. Marty Bilek, Omaha Chief of Staff, welcomed Mayor Mick Cornett, the Council of Officials and guest to the City of Omaha. Mr. Bilek spoke briefly about Omaha's changes and growth over the last 50 years. Mr. Bilek highlighted the leadership of Oklahoma City and their efforts to revitalize the city core and make Oklahoma City economically diverse and prosperous.

Clare Duda, Douglas County Commissioner – District 7, welcomed the Council of Officials and guest to Douglas County. Mr. Duda recognized MAPA and the ability to bring together a wide-range and diverse group of leaders and officials with one goal of collaboration and moving our region forward, together.

Mayor Kindig acknowledge and thanked our sponsors for the evening: Bronze Sponsors – Iteris, Kirkham Michael and

Council of Officials Meeting
October 4, 2017

Schemmer. Silver Sponsor – Benesch. Gold Sponsors – FHU, HDR and Lamp Rynearson. Platinum Sponsor – Olsson Associates. Mayor Kindig introduced Lt. Governor Mike Foley.

D. NEBRASKA REMARKS – (Information)

Lt. Governor Foley thanked the Council for their efforts in planning and strategizing for the Greater Omaha and Council Bluffs region. The governor's goal is to grow Nebraska and economic development is central to that effort. Lt. Gov. Foley stated that workforce and demographic issues will dominate planning decisions in the decades to come. Lt. Governor Foley thanked the group for all they are doing for the State of Nebraska.

[Break for dinner]

E. BUSINESS – (Action)

President Kindig reconvened the meeting after dinner and read the Open Meetings Act.

1. Approval of the June 14, 2017 Council of Officials Meeting Minutes – (Action)
MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Vinton to approve the June 14, 2017 minutes.
Motion Carried.

F. IOWA REMARKS – (Information)

Mr. Stu Anderson, Iowa Department of Transportation, Director of Planning, Programming and Modal Division, congratulated MAPA on 50 years and thanked MAPA for their role in developing Regional Planning Affiliations in Iowa.

G. DIRECTORS REMARKS – (Information)

Mr. Greg Youell, MAPA Executive Director, introduced MAPA staff and noted the Annual Reports for 2017. Mr. Youell acknowledged the work of MAPA over the last 50 years in assisting communities and coordinating the region. Mr. Youell noted an entry in the journals of Lewis and Clark in July 1804 acknowledging the beauty of the Omaha-Council Bluffs region over 200 years ago.

H. KEYNOTE SPEAKER – (Information)

Mayor Kindig introduced keynote speaker, Mayor Mick Cornett, Oklahoma City. Mayor Mick Cornett is in the final months of a successful 14-year run as Oklahoma City's first four-term mayor. His leadership has been instrumental in the "Oklahoma City Renaissance", one of the most remarkable transformations in American history. Mayor Cornett has been a strong champion for infrastructure investments that have transformed the region. His priorities have included improving standards in health and education, and he has worked to change the culture of the community in those important areas.

I. PRESENTATION OF 2017 REGIONAL ANNUAL AWARDS – (Information)

MAPA Board of Directors Chair and Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Rita Sanders, presented the 2017 Regional Citizenship Award. This award is given to an individual who recognizes that regional problems transcend boundaries and has contributed to the regional quality of life. This year's recipient is Donn Dierks, Public Health Department Director for the City of Council Bluffs.

Mr. Youell presented the 2017 Regional Service Award. This award is given to a group or organization who has made a contribution on the metro area and helped to improve or grow it. This year's recipient is the City of Bellevue Public Works Department, for their response to the June 29, 2017 tornadoes.

Mayor Kindig presented the final award for the evening, the Award of Merit. MAPA occasionally recognizes those whose service is truly extraordinary with the Agency's Award of Merit. It is MAPA's highest award for service, and this year's recipient is Lieutenant Kevin Bridges of the Nebraska State Patrol in his work with the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program.

J. ADJOURNMENT – (Information)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.