OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2016

The January 13, 2016 Council of Officials meeting was held at Lo Sole Mio in Omaha, Nebraska. Doug Kindig, Mayor of La Vista, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council Members and guest. The lunch started at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting following at 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

Scott Belt	Supervisor, Pottawattamie County
Dan Berlowitz	City Administrator, City of Bellevue
Andy Biller	Executive Director, Council Bluffs Airport Authority
Fred Conley	Papio-Missouri River NRD
Clare Duda	Commissioner, Douglas County (representing Board Chairman Mary Ann Borgeson)
Amy Haase	Metro Board Chair
Scott Keep	President, MUD
Doug Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Dr. Dan Kinney	President, Iowa Western Community College
Joe Kohout	Kissell / E&S Associates
Ron Kohn	Board Chairman, Mills County
Jerry McCall	Planning Consultant, Fremont Public Schools
Tim O'Brien	Economic Development Manager, OPPD
Cassie Paben	Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha
Erv Porter	City Administrator, City of Plattsmouth
Jim Realph	Mayor, City of Blair
Rod Storm	City Administrator, City of Blair
James Timmerman	Mayor, City of Gretna
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Gerald Waltrip	Mayor, City of Carter Lake
Kevin Zimmerman	Councilmember, City of Minden

Others:

Kali Baker	Omaha Community Foundation
Sara Boyd	Omaha Community Foundation
Jeanie Brookhouser	City of Plattsmouth
Lynn Grobe	Pottawattamie County
Deb Hale	City of La Vista
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County
Jeff Kooistra	City of Gretna
Kim Thomas	City of La Vista

MAPA Staff:

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

B. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – (Action)

MOTION by Walsh, SECOND by Belt to approve the October 7, 2015 minutes.

Motion Carried.

C. MAPA QUARTERLY REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATE – (Info)

Mr. Greg Youell provided an update to the Council on MAPA activities for the first quarter and project updates. The FAST Act was passed in early December, Nebraska received $13.5 million in STP funds and that is scheduled to go up to $16.5 million. Iowa received about $1.45 million and will go up to $1.79 in STP funding. This is the first long term bill that has been passed in over a decade. Last Fall, MAPA received news that the EPA released new ozone standards and reduced the air quality standards from 75 PPB to 70 PPB. The metropolitan area is currently at 67 PPB. MAPA received news from NDOR that they will fund the 'Little Steps. Big Impact.' air quality program for the next 3 years. The RPA review was conducted with the State of Iowa in November and MAPA received a good report. As a result of the review, MAPA will be reviewing the project selection criteria and the programming process. The Platteview Road Corridor study has continued in Southern Sarpy County and the draft report will be ready for review soon. The long term vision for the project is for an enhanced expressway concept. MAPA worked with Pottawattamie, Mills and Harrison County on a Loess-Hills Missouri River Parks to People plan and the draft will be coming out shortly. MAPA staff has been working on several CDBG projects: water projects in Hancock and Macedonia are nearing completion, the wastewater project in Henderson, Iowa is also nearing completion and a Downtown Revitalization project in Walnut, Iowa will begin construction this Spring/Summer. MAPA will be working with Pottawattamie County on a Transportation Master Plan, with Sarpy County on a transit plan to identify transit opportunities for the county and through the Heartland 2050 project, staff will be working to develop a transportation vision throughout all 8 counties.

D. HEARTLAND 2050 UPDATE – (Info)

Ms. Karna Loewenstein, Heartland 2050 Coordinator, provided up an update to the Council on the Heartland 2050 project. MAPA recently found out that Peter Kiewit Foundation will be renewing funding through 2016. The committees have been meeting regularly since August. There are six Implementation Committees and an Equity & Engagement Committee. The Committees have been working on reviewing the Action Plan. The Executive Committee reviewed and approved outcomes from each implementation committee. The upcoming steps are to work on strategies and action steps. The Winter Summit is coming up on February 24th. The Summit will be a half-day event and will have two speakers. The first speaker is Ms. Margaret May, the Executive Director of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council in Kansas City. There will be a neighborhood event the evening prior to the Summit featuring Ms. May and allow some of the neighborhood associations to speak with her one on one. The second speaker is Mr. Dan Lofgren, chair of Envision Utah, and will help the group understand what a successful regional plan looks like. Mr. Lofgren is also a very successful developer and works with multi-family mixed use affordable housing. An additional component to the Summit will be "Hear From Your Peers" and will allow people within the region to speak about successful projects they have completed. The next six months will focus on strategies, action steps and developing metrics and a way to measure progress.

E. COMMUNITY INDICATOR PROJECT – (Info)

Ms. Kali Baker, President and CEO, Omaha Community Foundation presented to the Council on their community indicator project. The Omaha Community Foundation is a collective of about 1,400 donors that give through the Community Foundation to about 2,000 non-profits in the Metro area. The project is called, "The Landscape" and it's a data-driven reflection of the Omaha and Council Bluffs area. The Landscape is focused on a three county area of Douglas, Sarpy and Pottawattamie County. This project is about community level, publicly available data and figuring out what the data means and how can it be used to measure progress and make decisions about community investments. Under the guidance of a steering committee, the foundation has identified six areas to start with: Education, Workforce, Public Safety, Health, Transportation and Housing and is also working to identify how each

area is interconnected.

F. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – (Info)

Mr. Joe Kohout, MAPA lobbyist, provided a legislative update to the Council.

G. COMMUNITY REPORTS –

Attendees provided updates on projects from their communities.

H. ADJOURNMENT –

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.