

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2018

The November 14, 2018 Council of Officials meeting was held at the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency in Omaha, Nebraska. Doug Kindig, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council members and guests. The lunch started at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow at 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

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| Troy Anderson | Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha |
| Clare Duda | Commissioner, Douglas County |
| David Forrest | City Administrator, City of Ralston |
| Dawn Goodsell | Mayor, City of Neola |
| Tom Hanafan | Supervisor, Pottawattamie County |
| Douglas Kindig (President) | Mayor, City of La Vista |
| David Klug | Director, Papio-Missouri River NRD |
| Ron Kohn | Mayor, City of Glenwood |
| David Levy | Commissioner, Omaha Housing Authority |
| Gary Mixan | Commissioner, Sarpy County |
| James Realph | Mayor, City of Blair |
| Carroll Smith | Mayor, City of Valley |
| Carol Vinton | Supervisor, Mills County |
| Jackie Wahl | Councilmember, City of Carter Lake |
| Matt Walsh | Mayor, City of Council Bluffs |
| Michael Young | Vice-Chair, Metro Transit |

Others:

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| Pam Buethe | City of La Vista |
| Deb Hale | City of La Vista |
| Cindy Miserez | City of La Vista |
| Judy Rasmussen | Village of Boys Town |
| Theresa Ryan | Village of Boys Town |
| Timothy Sharp | Village of Boys Town |
| Rodney Storm | City of Blair |
| Joan Suhr | City of Valley |

MAPA Staff:

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| Natasha Barrett | Christina Brownell | Sue Cutsforth | Don Gross |
| Karna Loewenstein | Emily Sneller | Jeff Spiehs | Greg Youell |

B. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2018 MEETING MINUTES – (ACTION)

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Vinton to approve the October 3, 2018 minutes.
Motion Carried.

C. MAPA AGENCY REPORTS – (INFORMATION)

1. Current Activities – Greg Youell, Executive Director

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Council on MAPA activities and current projects. Updates we provided on community development projects including the project on the former Dana College campus; the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Project in Valley; and Phase II of the 5-2-1-0 in the City of Malvern. The Sherwood Foundation is looking into a regional housing assessment, MAPA staff members have been involved in these conversations. Mr. Youell provided an update on Cass County joining the MAPA region. The MAPA Board and SENDD have recently signed an MOU to begin the transition. MAPA recently underwent a Federal Certification Review. The agency had no corrective actions and received some recommendations on best practices. MAPA is working closely with the Greater Omaha Chamber on a Regional Transportation Plan with private sector and philanthropic participation. Mr. Youell provided the Council with the most recent population employment forecast. MAPA works with the Iowa State Data Center and the Nebraska State Data Center to develop these forecast that will be used for the Long Range Transportation Plan. MAPA staff have been conducting “Block Talks” (also called Walk Audits) to evaluate the pedestrian environment in particular areas of the city. Mr. Youell mentioned that there appears to be new momentum around an infrastructure package. MAPA is in contact with congressional delegations and local governments to ensure that if that materializes, we are proactive and have projects ready to go. Heartland 2050 recently hosted a Speaker’s Series event focusing on aging in place and there was a lot of interest around Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s).

2. FY 2019 & FY 2020 Work Program Planning – Greg Youell, Executive Director

Mr. Youell provided the Council with a survey to evaluate each community’s needs. Survey information will be considered during MAPA’s upcoming Strategic Planning meeting and will assist the agency with preparing the FY 2020 work program and budget.

3. Heartland 2050 – Update on Action Plan Refocus – Karna Loewenstein, Heartland 2050 Coordinator

Ms. Loewenstein provided an update on Heartland 2050 activities including the Action Plan Refresh and the most recent learning site visit to Pittsburgh to attend the Rail-Volution Conference.

D. PRESENTATION: DAVID LEVY, PARTNER AT BAIRD HOLM – (INFORMATION)

Mr. Levy presented to the Council on land-use regulation, zoning and tax increment financing.

E. ADJOURNMENT – (ACTION)

President Kindig adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.