

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes
September 28, 2017

The Board of Directors met at the MAPA offices, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha. Chairwoman Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Members/Officers Present

Rita Sanders (Chair)	Mayor, City of Bellevue/Chair
Patrick Bloomingdale	MAPA Secretary/Treasurer, Douglas County
Clare Duda	Douglas County Commissioner
Ben Gray	Omaha City Council
Tom Hanafan	Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors
Gary Mixan	Sarpy County Commissioner

Members/Officers Absent

Doug Kindig	NE Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mayor, City of La Vista)
Jean Stothert	Mayor, City of Omaha
Carol Vinton	IA Small Cities/Counties Representative (Mills County Board of Supervisors)
Matt Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs

MAPA Staff

Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Melissa Engel	Don Gross	Karna Loewenstein
Greg Youell				

Chairperson Sanders announced that action on Agenda Item H.4 would be tabled for discussion

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the August 31, 2017 meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Duda, SECOND by Gray to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORT – (Action)

Mr. Patrick Bloomingdale reported that the Finance Committee met on September 20, 2017 and approved bills for September, reviewed July financial statements and approved contract payments. Items were forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION by Gray, SECOND by Mixan to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Finance Committee meeting.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. AGENCY REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. Agency Reports – (Info)

a. Executive Directors Report - Greg Youell, Executive Director

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Board on MAPA activities for the month of August & September. MAPA was awarded \$315,000 for Housing Rehab in Waterloo and Valley. Mr. Youell attended the first stakeholder meeting at Iowa DOT with

Approved by _____
Patrick Bloomingdale, Secretary/Treasurer

representatives from MPOs, cities and counties for the Iowa Federal-Aid Swap. Iowa DOT reviewed their process and plan to begin implementation in FY-19 (October 2018). Following Secretary Chao's visit, FHWA Administrator requested a meeting to discuss concerns that were raised by MAPA. Representatives from FHWA, NDOT, Bellevue and MAPA will meet on Friday to discuss the Federal-aid project development process. MAPA conducted interviews with two teams (EDR & JEO, HDR) for the Transit ROI. This is a unique report that will evaluate the "business case" for an expanded transit system. The anticipated cost for the study is \$150,000 with \$30,000 in match that MAPA is currently fundraising for. Applications are open for the Brownfields Grants (Assessment, Cleanup), the EPA program to assess and safely cleanup and reuse contaminated properties. Applications are open for US-DOT TIGER AND INFRA programs. FAST-Act requires that freight plans be completed by October 2017. MAPA participated in NDOT Freight Advisory Committee for the State's first Freight Plan. Mr. Youell attended the League of Nebraska Municipalities Conference and helped staff a booth for NROC. Property taxes and TIF are anticipated to be major issues in the 2018 Legislative Session. Mr. Youell updated the Board on all of MAPA's upcoming events.

b. Heartland 2050 – (Info)

Ms. Loewenstein provided an update to the Board on Heartland 2050 activities for the month of August & September. Ms. Loewenstein recapped the Heartland 2050 Summit, there were 141 in attendance. Commissioner Mixan and Mayor Sanders were in attendance. A reception was hosted the evening before the Summit with Ben Pierce and targeted young start-ups, creators and innovators. In attendance at the evening reception were Tony Vargas and Curt Friesen from the Nebraska Legislature. Heartland 2050 put in a request with the Omaha Communities Grant for \$40,000 and it was originally approved for \$10,000, Councilmember Ben Gray assisted in doubling the grant award to \$20,000 for the calendar year of 2018. Ms. Loewenstein and staff are working to finalized the details for the site visit to Minneapolis, October 9th – 10th. Last, Ms. Loewenstein noted that Heartland 2050 partnered with the Omaha Community Foundation at the Summit and utilized their data from the Landscape Project that identified some of the most pressing needs in this Region.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA – (Action)

None.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Contract Final Payments with Exceptions – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the contract final payments listed below with the exception that MAPA will hold funds until work is complete and final payments are approved by both the MAPA Finance Committee and the MAPA Board of Directors. If necessary, funds will be repaid.

- a. Heartland Family Services – Not to Exceed - \$9,988.86
- b. Metro AVL – Not to Exceed - \$737,591.91
- c. SWITA – Not to Exceed - \$106,000.00

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the contract final payments with exceptions listed above.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. New Contract: Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) Planning Assistance - \$153,127.24 – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the new contract with the NDED for FY-18 and FY-19 for planning assistance, \$76,563.62 for each year, totaling \$153,127.24.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the new contract with the NDED for planning assistance.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for US Highway 34/75 Bridge Bike and Walking Trail – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the Interlocal Agreement for the US Highway 34/75 Bridge Bike and Walking Trail. This agreement is between the cities, counties, Papio-NRD and MAPA. MAPA is not providing any of the local matching funds but agrees to provide federal funds to the second phase. MAPA is not responsible for any of the ongoing operations or maintenance.

MOTION by Mixan, SECOND by Gray to approve the Interlocal Agreement for US Highway 34/75 Bridge Bike and Walking Trail.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. NDOT/MAPA Agreement for US Highway 34/75 Bike and Walking Trail – (Action)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for approval the NDOT/MAPA Agreement for US Highway 34/75 Bike and Walking Trail. This is MAPA commitment to cover half of the cost of the girders (Phase 1). NDOT is paying for the entirety of Phase 1 and MAPA will apply their 50% cost to another NDOT project. The agreement also states that MAPA will obligate and commit federal funds towards Phase 2 (decking and construction of the rest of the path).

MOTION by Mixan, SECOND by Gray to approve the agreement between NDOT and MAPA for US Highway 34/75 Bike and Walking Trail.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. Nebraska Regional Officials Council (NROC) Bylaws Amendment – (Action tabled, Informational Only)

Mr. Greg Youell presented to the Board for discussion only a proposed amendment from NROC to their bylaws. Legal reviewed the proposed bylaws and gave feedback. Legal counsel stated that bylaws should not give process recommendations, which can be done separately in a code of ethics. Bylaws are a set of rules that an organization operates under. Legal also identified other issues with words being used interchangeably and incorrectly, for example "Regions" and "Development Districts". NROC is a voluntary association of statewide non-profits and has no authority over state statutes or inter-local agreements between city and county governments. MAPA is continuing to work with our legal counsel to propose a different bylaws amendment and present a Code of Ethics to the NROC Board.

5. Iowa Council of Governments (ICOG) – Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) 5-2-1-0 Childhood Obesity Prevention Program Sub-Contract Agreement – (Action)

Mr. Don Gross presented to the Board for approval the ICOG – IDPH 5-2-1-0 Childhood Obesity Prevention Program Sub-Contract Agreement. The 5-2-1-0 Initiative is 5 fruits/vegetables, 2 hours of screen time, 1 hour of exercise and 0 sugary drinks. The program will create a strategy to combat childhood obesity in the city in Mills County that is awarded the funding.

MOTION by Hanafan, SECOND by Gray to approve the ICOG – IDPH 5-2-1-0 Childhood Obesity Prevention Program Sub-Contract Agreement.

AYES: Duda, Gray, Hanafan, Mixan, Sanders
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

I. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

J. DISCUSSION

1. MAPA Annual Dinner & Annual Award Nominees/Recipients – Mr. Youell announced the 2017 Annual Award Recipients: Regional Citizenship Award: Donn Dierks, City of Council Bluffs; Regional Service Award: City of Bellevue Public Works for their response to the June tornado; and an Award to Merit: Lt. Kevin Bridges, Nebraska Highway Patrol and commitment to the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program.
2. Employee Compensation Profiles – Mr. Youell provided the Board with the Employee Compensation Profiles that were distributed to each employee.

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Gray to adjourn, SECONDZ by Hanafan. Chairperson Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.