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HEARTLAND 2050 REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(H2050 RPAC)

AGENDA – December 7th, 2018

This meeting of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Committee will be conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Statues of the Open Meeting Act. For reference, the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the Board Room.

I.   Welcome – Introductions

II.   October Meeting Minutes – (ACTION)

III. Updates

    A. Pittsburgh Learning Site Visit

    B. Speaker Series Event – 11/1/18

    C. Local Foods Hub – MAPA

IV.   Regional Vision (Heartland 2050)

    A. Action Plan Refresh/Priorities – Discussion

    B. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)

V.   Data and Mapping

    A. Natural Resources Inventory

    B. MAPA 2050 Forecast

VI.   Grant Opportunities

    A. H2050 Mini Grants

VI.   Community Reports

VII. Adjourn

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC)
Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:
Chair: Nancy Pridal, Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
Troy Anderson – Omaha Mayor's Office
Ann Birch – City of La Vista, NE
Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston, NE
Cesar Garcia – DLR Group
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna, NE
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue, NE
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Patrick Leahy – Papio-MO River NRD *(departed at 10:30 a.m.)*
Donna Lynam – Sarpy County
Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Thomas (Drew) Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
Ryan Sullivan – Washington County
Carol Vinton – Mills County
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:
Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
Archie Carpenter – University of Nebraska Medical Center
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Dept
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Marta Londono – Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation
Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting Member)
Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
Connie Spellman
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Trevor Harlow, Mike Helgerson, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Greg Youell

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I. Welcome / Introductions –
Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

II. Governance –

a. <u>Approval of the minutes of August 3, 2018 meeting</u> – (Action)
Pridal presented the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Jacobson, SECOND by Leahy to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2018 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. <u>Ground Rules</u> – (Action)
Pridal presented the H2050 RPAC Ground Rules to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the H2050 RPAC Ground Rules.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

c. <u>By-Laws</u> – (ACTION)
Pridal presented the H2050 RPAC By-Laws to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the H2050 RPAC By-Laws.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

III. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) –

a. <u>Local Foods Hub Proposal</u> – (ACTION)
Mr. Jeff Spiehs presented to the Committee for discussion a potential opportunity for MAPA / Heartland 2050 Local Foods Council. The United Way local foods committee (SWAG) has completed a plan identifying actions steps to move forward with the local food efforts. One of the steps identified the role of convener and facilitator and they are looking for an entity to serve that role. MAPA has been identified as a potential agency that could serve in that

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role and house an individual that would lead those efforts. The United Way committee is committed to identifying funding for this role. Staff noted that the intent is to add a staff member to do the additional work. With the committee's favorable recommendation, this will go to the MAPA Board of Directors for final approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the Local Foods Hub Proposal.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

b. <u>Committee Updates</u> – (Action)
Committee chairs provided updates:
- <u>Patrick Leahy - Natural Resource Committee</u>: The workgroups for Natural Resources are: local foods; waste management; trails and green space; air quality and water quality. The Local Foods group is leading the way and the committee is working to identify which of the working groups is ready to begin putting plans into action next. The committee is looking for support/leadership for the air quality and water quality workgroup.
- <u>Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Equity and Engagement Committee</u>: The Equity and Engagement Committee has recently gone through a restructuring with changes in the Heartland 2050 boundaries. The committee is working through the recommendations that came out of the most recent Heartland 2050 Summit and the Equitable Growth Profile update. They are also working to develop presentations that are meaningful and impactful when sharing the information and data to the community.
- <u>Zach Reinhardt – Housing and Development Committee</u>: The committee has formed three working groups are public sector, private sector and community/non-profit. They are working on developing communication and education strategies for each stakeholder group.

IV. **Community Reports –** (Information) – *This agenda item was moved up due to time.*

a. <u>Unified Transportation Plan</u> – Stephen Osberg, Director of Transportation Development – Greater Omaha Chamber – (Information)
Mr. Osberg provided an update on the Unified Transportation Plan from the Greater Omaha Chamber and highlighted some of the issues in our region that can be positively impacted through transportation.

III. **Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) – (Continued)**

c. <u>Action Plan Priorities</u> – (Discussion)
Committee members split into three working groups to work on developing Action Plan priorities for: Infrastructure, Housing and Natural Resources.

IV. **Data and Mapping –** (Information)
This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

V. **Grant Opportunities –** (Information)
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant opportunities.

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VI. Adjourn –

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.

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Heartland 2050 Near Term Priorities

During the October 5th meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Action Committee, members divided into three groups (Natural Resources, Housing and Development, and Infrastructure) to participate in a facilitated activity to determine action plan priority recommendations in each of the areas.

Natural Resources

- *Continue and expand H2050 Local Foods Coordinating Council*
- *Maintain waste management areas that utilize regional landfills and minimize transportation impacts(Consistent with Solid Waste Management Act)*
- *Establish a plan addressing financing mechanisms, policies, and education and outreach for each strategic area(Air, Water, Waste, Trails & Parks, Local Agriculture)*
- *Create a Regional Natural Resources Inventory*

Housing and Development

- *Educate neighbors, developers, and elected officials about the benefits of housing affordability*
- *Map areas with infill opportunities in urban and suburban locations*
- *Coordinate housing, transportation, and economic development investments to create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods.*

Infrastructure

- *Develop a coordinated and unified transportation plan to meet current and future needs and expands transportation choices, which is supported by the private and philanthropic sector*
- *Incorporate the H2050 nodes and corridors strategy into economic development efforts and municipal planning and growth*
- *Review options for additional transportation funding, such as the creation of transportation districts and coordinated multi-county ballot measures*
- *Prioritize connectivity and "Smart" infrastructure*

GOAL # 2 HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT – Provide Ample Housing Choices

Create vibrant and walkable communities with a range of housing choices and locations.

Strategies

A. Communicate the Value of Compact Development through Nodes and Corridors
B. Reduce Barriers to Encourage Infill Development
C. Focus New Development in Existing Communities and Town Centers
D. Elevate Affordable Housing as Regional Priority
E. Maximize the Vibrancy of the Urban Core and Riverfront

Next Steps

Encourage and reduce barriers to Infill Development

➔ Map areas with infill opportunities in urban and suburban locations

Elevate Housing Affordability

➔ Educate neighbors, developers, and elected officials about the benefits of housing affordability
➔ Coordinate housing, transportation, and economic development investments to create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods
➔ Advocate for zoning and building codes that offer greater flexibility for the size of lots and housing
➔ Identify best practices for infill development from peer communities

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Next Steps

➔ Advocate for zoning and building codes that offer greater flexibility for the size of lots and housing.
➔ Encourage rural code compliance enforcement

➔ Identify best practices for infill development from peer communities
➔ Map areas with infill opportunities in urban and suburban locations
➔ Convene a regional developers forum to encourage infill development
➔ Identify partners and target sites for short term infill catalyst projects
➔ Encourage rehabilitation, preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of existing and historic structures
➔ Engage residents in the infill development processes that impact their neighborhoods
➔ Ensure infill and compact development are priorities of local land use plans

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➔ Develop education and outreach to development community about expanding housing choices
➔ Support efforts to develop Transit Oriented Development (TOD) tools for communities
➔ Create a toolkit of development resources. neighborhood resources and funding/financing tools
➔ Develop regional development report to monitor growth and assess long-term financial impacts to low-density development

➔ Develop a regional housing study focused on affordable housing and homelessness
➔ Educate neighbors and elected officials about affordable housing and who lives there
➔ Implement the recommendations of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing outreach
➔ Coordinate housing, transportation, and economic development investments to create healthy, opportunity-rich neighborhoods

➔ Support regional efforts to activate the Missouri Riverfront and catalyze new development

Goal #1 Infrastructure – Sustain Growth through Targeted Investment

Invest in infrastructure that supports quality, connected development and provides more transportation choices.

Strategies

A. Expand multi-modal transportation choices, including walking, biking, transit, and ride-sharing strategies
B. Secure additional resources to invest in needed transportation infrastructure
C. Plan utility services to encourage efficient, compact growth
D. Diversify energy portfolio to provide increased access to diverse energy sources

Next Steps

Expand Choices

➜ Develop a coordinated and unified transportation plan to meet current and future needs and expands transportation choices, which is supported by the private and philanthropic sector

Secure Resources

➜ Review options for additional transportation funding, such as the creation of transportation districts and coordinated multi-county ballot measures

Encourage Compact Growth

➜ Incorporate the H2050 nodes and corridors strategy into economic development efforts and municipal planning and growth
➜ Focus transportation investments on increased mobility and access to jobs and education

Diversify Energy Portfolio

➜ Prioritize connectivity and "Smart Infrastructure"

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➔ Develop a coordinated and unified transportation plan to meet current and future needs and expands transportation choices, which is supported by the private and philanthropic sector
➔ Increasing access and affordability of sustainable infrastructure for vulnerable populations and target infrastructure resources to expand opportunity in high need, low income communities

➔ Review options for additional transportation funding, such as the creation of transportation districts and coordinated multi-county ballot measures
➔ Coordinate local, regional and state investments through a regional capital improvement program similar to the MAPA Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- ➜ Support local complete streets policies
- ➜ Provide funding toward studies and projects that implement smart growth with expanded transportation options
- ➜ Focus transportation investments on increased mobility and access to jobs and education
- ➜ Coordinate economic development investments with infrastructure investments and housing development
- ➜ Incorporate the H2050 nodes and corridors strategy into economic development efforts and municipal planning and growth

- ➜ Encourage shared water and wastewater resources and coordination of services and treatment facilities to provide for multiple cities within drainage service areas
- ➜ Provide efficient access to a diverse portfolio of reliable energy sources, including renewables, distributed energy generation and conservation practices

GOAL #3 NATURAL RESOURCES – Leverage Natural Systems for Recreation and Resiliency

Ensure long term sustainability of our region by increasing access to natural environments and providing resiliency from natural disasters.

Strategies

A. Preserve our natural resources through a safe regional trail and green space system
B. Manage and conserve water as a beneficial resource
C. Protect and enhance air quality
D. Effectively reduce and manage solid waste and landfills
E. Ensure a sustainable system of local agriculture that provides food to the region and protects agricultural land use
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Next Steps

Preserve our Natural Resources

➜ Complete a Regional Natural Resources Inventory

Reduce and Manage Solid Waste/Landfills

➜ Maintain waste management areas that utilize regional landfills and minimize transportation impacts (consistent with the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act)

Ensure a Sustainable System of Local Agriculture

➜ Continue and expand H2050 Local Foods Coordinating Council

Establish a Multi-faceted Plan

➜ Establish a plan, addressing financing mechanisms, policies, and education and outreach for each strategic area (Trails & Parks, Air, Water, Solid Waste, Local Agriculture)

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Next Steps

Establish a Multi-faceted Plan

➔ Establish a plan, addressing financing mechanisms, policies, and education and outreach for each strategic area

Establish Regional Trail and Green Space System

➔ Coordinate a regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (MAPA, locals, PMRNRD, LPSNRD)
➔ Create a H2050 Regional Park and Trail Partnership
➔ Develop a Regional Trails Marketing Plan
➔ Complete a Regional Natural Resources Inventory
➔ Complete a Regional Green Space and Land Use Assessment

Manage and Conserve Water

➔ Establish a Heartland 2050 Water Resources Coordinating Committee
➔ Identify streams and watersheds for regional focus
➔ Assess current stormwater/green infrastructure codes
➔ Conserve and protect high quality of water resources

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Protect and Enhance Air Quality
➔ Coordinate a Clean Air Action Plan and create a Clean Air Partnership
➔ Identify and incentivize installation of alternatives fuel stations
➔ Identify opportunities to beta-test technologies, programs and policies to meet changing air quality regulatory requirements

Reduce and Manage Solid Waste/Landfills
➔ Maintain waste management areas that utilize regional landfills and minimize transportation impacts
➔ Use methane generated by solid waste treatment for energy purposes
➔ Encourage regional adoption of the integrated solid waste hierarchy
➔ Provide increased access to recycling pick-up and drop-off centers

Ensure a Sustainable System of Local Agriculture
➔ Continue and expand H2050 Local Foods Coordinating Council
➔ Expand local food access year-round
➔ Implement a plan to produce equitable access to fresh local food
➔ Develop a local, self-reliant food economy