

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, February 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Chair: Nancy Pridal, Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Chris Gibbons – City of Council Bluffs
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Patrick Leahy – Natural Resources Committee
Donna Lynam – Sarpy County
Thomas (Drew) Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Vicki Quaite-Ferris – Empowerment Network
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Connie Spellman
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Ryan Sullivan – Washington County
Carol Vinton – Mills County
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:

Troy Anderson – City of Omaha
Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Archie Carpenter – University of Nebraska Medical Center
Ann Birch – City of La Vista
Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston
Cesar Garcia – DLR Group
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
Marta Londono – Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation
Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting Member)
Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Don Gross, Mike Helgersen, Trevor Harlow, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Greg Youell

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I. Welcome / Introductions –

Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

II. December Meeting Minutes – (Action)

Dr. Kinney noted one correction to the December meeting minutes in Section VII Community Reports. The process that the Federal Government uses to review FAFSA applications is called “verification” not evidence.

MOTION by Jacobson, SECOND by Leahy to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) with corrections as noted above.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. Updates – (Information)

- A. MAPA Update – Council of Officials Survey Summary – Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director (MAPA)

Mr. Youell gave an update on the most recent Council of Officials Survey results.

- B. Blair Workforce Housing Project – Presented by Don Gross, Community Development Manager (MAPA)

Mr. Gross gave a brief summary of the Blair Workforce Housing Project.

IV. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) – (Information)

- A. Nodes and Corridors – Presented by Mike Helgerson, Transportation Manager (MAPA)

Mr. Helgerson gave an introduction to the Nodes and Corridors discussion. Discussion was facilitated by Don Gross, MAPA Community Development Manager.

- B. Implementation Committee Reports –

- a. Housing and Development – Update provided by Zach Reinhardt
- b. Natural Resources – Update provided by Patrick Leahy
- c. Infrastructure – Update provided by Karna Loewenstein
- d. Equity and Engagement – presented by Vicki Quaites-Ferris
- e. Education – presented by Dr. Dan Kinney

- C. Heartland 2050 Mini-Grants – Presented by Mike Helgerson, Transportation and Data Manager (MAPA)

Mr. Helgerson noted that at future meetings updates will be provided on current and/or upcoming Heartland 2050 Mini-Grant projects. The project leads were not in attendance so updates for the projects listed below will be provided at a future meeting.

- a. 13th Street Project
- b. Transit Development Study

V. Data and Mapping – (Information)

No updates.

VI. Grant Opportunities – (Information)

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No updates but Mr. Youell suggested the sub-committees work to identify projects that they need funding for and being strategic about seeking grants that are applicable to that need.

VII. Community Reports – (Information)

- A. Papio Natural Resources District Storm Water Management Plan – Patrick Leahy provided a brief update.
- B. Sarpy County Sewers – Mark Stursma provided an update.
- C. City of Omaha – Electric Scooters – This is a pilot project and more details are to come.

VIII. Adjourn –

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.