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AGENDA:

A. Roll call and Introductions

B. Approval of the November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes – (Action)

C. MAPA Reports & Project Updates – (Information)
   1. Executive Director’s Update
   2. FY 2020 Draft Work Program Priorities

D. New Business
   1. Elections – (Action)
      a. Council of Officials President to serve through June 30, 2019
      b. Council of Officials Vice President to serve through June 30, 2019

E. AARP Presentation – Livable Communities – Connie Benjamin, Nebraska State Director & Brad Anderson, Iowa State Director

F. Community Reports (time permitting)

G. Adjournment

Next Meeting:
MAPA Council of Officials Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2019
Location TBD
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:

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:

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:

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.