

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:

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.