

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, August 2, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
 Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
 Fred Conley, Papio-Missouri NRD
 David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department
 Bruce Fountain – Sarpy County
 Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
 Chris Gibbons – City of Council Bluffs
 Dan Güttinger – City of Gretna
 Mike Jensen – Cass County
 Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
 Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
 Patrick Leahy – Natural Resources Committee
 Lindsay Neeman – University of Nebraska Medicine
 Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
 Drew Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
 Nancy Pridal (Chairperson) – Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
 Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
 Connie Spellman – Heartland 2050
 Gayle Sturdivant – City of Omaha Public Works
 Carol Vinton – Mills County
 Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County
 Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:

Troy Anderson – City of Omaha
 Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
 Dave Forrest – City of Ralston
 Cesar Garcia – Magic City Redevelopment
 Shelley Henderson – FIRST
 Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue
 Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
 Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
 Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
 Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
 Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network
 Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting)
 Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
 Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
 Rod Storm – City of Blair
 Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
 Ryan Sullivan – Washington County

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Josh Corrigan, Sue Cutsforth, Don Gross, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Ariana Wesley-Powell, Greg Youell

I. Welcome / Introductions –

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

II. June Meeting Minutes – (Action)

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No changes or corrections.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Berglund to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2019 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. Implementation Committee Big Idea – Presented by Karna Loewenstein (Information)

Ms. Loewenstein presented to the committee. Implementation committees will bring their big ideas and recommendations to the Committee for support.

IV. Orange Splot Site Visit – Presented by Jeff Spiehs (Information)

Mr. Spiehs presented to the committee an update on the partnership between MAPA and Orange Splot for technical assistance. MAPA was awarded this technical assistance grant from AARP. Orange Splot focuses on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and missing middle housing. The site visit is expected to occur in Fall 2019 and will focus on:

- a. Code Audit for Omaha and Council Bluffs
- b. Recommendations for missing middle housing/ADU's
- c. Public Event to raise awareness of the benefits of ADU's and enhance support for City of Omaha TOD overlay on ORBT corridor
- d. Practitioner lunch for planners and developers in the region

V. Regional Efforts – Natural Resources (Information)

- a. Natural Resources Inventory - Presented by Josh Corrigan

Mr. Corrigan provided an update to the Committee on the Natural Resources Inventory website and answered questions.

- b. Natural Resources Committee Overview – Presented by Patrick Leahy, Natural Resources Committee Chair

Mr. Leahy provided an update to the Committee on the work of the Natural Resources Committee activities and sub-groups.

- c. Air Quality (Little Steps Big Impact) – Presented by Sue Cutsforth

Ms. Cutsforth provided an update to the Committee on the 'Little Steps. Big Impact.' campaign that promotes public awareness of air quality and ozone action days. This program also conducts a school monitoring program and allows students to interact with the ozone monitors to learn more about air quality.

- d. Solid Waste Management – Presented by Patrick Leahy

Mr. Leahy updated the committee on the Solid Waste Management sub-group activities. Currently this group is closely watching LB 580, which would increase landfill fees. These funds would then be used for education and prevention.

- e. Local Foods Systems – Presented by Jeff Spiehs

Mr. Spiehs provided an update on the Local Foods Systems and "Share our Table" food plan. The plan focus areas are equitable access to nutritious food; food produced as a sustainable system; increase education on food preparation; and the root cause of hunger.

- f. Disaster Recovery – Presented by Don Gross

Mr. Gross presented an update to the Committee on disaster recovery. MAPA's involvement will include FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) property acquisition/buyouts; housing rehabilitation; housing replacement; and public facilities.

VI. Updates

- a. MAPA Regional Awards - the committee was asked to submit nominations for MAPA's Regional Awards.
- b. Grants deadlines IA & NE - Chair Prial asked the group to submit suggestions for a comprehensive list of grants to be made available to the group

VII. Adjourn –

Chair Prial adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, October 4, 2019 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.