

Coordinated Transit Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2019 10:29 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Board Room

Voting Members in Attendance:

Vice Chair:

Lisa Picker, Heartland Family Services

Mark Bulger, Omaha Association of the Blind
Ann Erickson, Florence Home for the Aged
Vicki Quaites-Ferris, Empowerment Network
Dan Freshman, Cities of La Vista/Ralston
Ann Grober, City of Council Bluffs
Rita Hamele, Crossroads of Western Iowa
Lori Hansen, City of Papillion
Phil Johnson, Black Hills Works
Mark Lander, SWITA
Bob Matthews, Black Hills Works
Amanda Parker, City of Bellevue
Ilene R., Friendship Program
Traci Shobe, Omaha Public Schools
Susan Stolinski, Friendship Program
Scott Stopak, Cities of La Vista/Ralston
Rob Koneck Wilcox, ENCAP

Associate Members in Attendance:

Charles Milan, Metro Transit
Mariah Person, NOISE
Melanee Petersen, Nebraska VR
Stephanie Roll, Outlook Nebraska
Smita Spiarma, SRF Consulting/NDOT

Additional Attendance:

Morgan Vogel, UNO Rural Transit Project

MAPA Staff

Emily Sneller
Court Barber
Megan Walker
Jeff Spiehs

1. Introductions –

Ms. Picker called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

For CTC Approval –

2. Meeting Minutes – Action Item

Ms. Picker introduced the November 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes for approval and asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections.

No corrections mentioned.

Ms. Grober MOTIONED to approve the November 28, 2018 minutes.

Mr. Matthews SECONDED.

For CTC Discussion –

3. 5310 Updates

Mr. Barber updates the committee on 5310 projects including a simplified listing of what organizations are receiving funding and are obligated from FY18 to FY20. Comments and questions were asked from the Ms. Picker and the committee about project funding along with timelines in which organizations will be receiving their obligated funds. Further into the discussion also brought to an agreement with the committee that a halt on Call for Projects should take place due to the government shutdown.

4. MAPA Equity and Engagement Update

Mr. Spiehs presented to the committee goals of the Heartland 2050 in their commitment to growth of the region including development of affordable housing and public transportation as well as supporting existing communities. Mr. Spiehs also discussed the Heartland's 2050 infrastructure and strategies on how this will be going forward their plans. Visual graphs were presented to illustrate equitable profiles that show race and gender disparities that still exist and how this will positively change with equitable growth.

Ms. Vicki Quaites-Ferris follows up with the presentation with discussion on committees within the Equity and Engagement group along with showing data in future growth. Data in subjects like education were shown with its effects certain racial groups and were their needs to be improvement. Ms. Quaites-Ferris made the point in how the need to get out the message of the importance in education for all in order to help the growth of the region. Besides education, other aspects like ease of access to grocery stores, housing and accessibility to transportation were also discussed with the need for improvement. Benefits were shown in the presentation to highlight the importance of equality and what it could do to make the region grow.

Mr. Spiehs also quickly mentioned to the committee the opportunity to join the Equity and Engagement committee. Questions from the CTC committee about the Equity and Engagement group and future meetings were answered from Mr. Spiehs and Ms. Quaites-Ferris.

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5. Political Education and Advocacy

Ms. Walker gave an update on the recent Lakin campus block talk and results of it as well as looking into another meeting in March which will focus on the need for more transit and transit access. Ms. Walker also mentioned the MCC video transit project that is currently being worked on with students still looking to do more interviews. It is estimated that the video will be finishing up production at the end of the year. Ms. Picker added to the discussion about the importance of the recent talks and the MCC video.

6. Additional Business

Ms. Walker brought up to the committee about the recent government shutdown and the possible effects from it as many rely on funding and grants. Ms. Walker opened this topic up for discussion to members of the committee. Discussion and updates from some of the committee members were given with how and when the shutdown will possible affect them.

7. Next Meeting

The next CTC meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on February 20, 2019. This meeting will be located in the MAPA Training Room.

8. Adjourn

Ms. Picker adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.