

MAPA Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Board Room

Members in Attendance:

Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Cesar Garcia – Magic City Redevelopment
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Chris Gibbons – City of Council Bluffs
Mike Jensen – Cass County
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Lindsay Neeman – University of Nebraska Medicine
Drew Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Nancy Pridal (Chairperson) – Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
Connie Spellman – Heartland 2050
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Andy Wessel- Douglas County Health Department
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:

Troy Anderson – City of Omaha
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
Fred Conley, Papio-Missouri NRD
Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston
Bruce Fountain – City of La Vista
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Patrick Leahy – Natural Resources Committee
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
Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network
Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting)
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
Gayle Sturdivant – City of Omaha Public Works
Carol Vinton – Mills County

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Sarah Fixmer, Karna Loewenstein, Greg Youell

I. Welcome / Introductions –

Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

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II. October Meeting Minutes – (Action)

No changes or corrections.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Neeman to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2019 meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. ConnectGo Polling Results – Presented by Stephen Osberg (Discussion)

Mr. Osberg was unable to attend the meeting and the presentation will be rescheduled for February.

IV. Heartland 2050 Turns 5 – Presented by Karna Loewenstein (Discussion)

Mrs. Loewenstein presented many Heartland 2050 accomplishments made in the past 5 years to the group. Some accomplishments include:

- a. Action Plan officially vetted and approved
- b. Close the Gap identified as signature initiative
- c. Annual Summits, Speaker Series and Learning Site Visits executed
- d. Transit Return on Investment Analysis completed

V. Heartland 2050 Call to Action – Presented by Nancy Pridal, RPAC Chair (Discussion)

Ms. Pridal presented to the group about inclusive growth in a digital age. The committee broke up into small groups to discuss best practices and solutions.

VI. Heartland 2050 Committees/Workgroups Updates

No updates.

VII. Community Updates

- a. Cass County
 - i. No update.
- b. Douglas County
 - i. No update.
- c. Mills County
 - i. No update.
- d. Pottawattamie County
 - i. No update.
- e. Sarpy County
 - i. Mr. Stursma presented to the group about a best practice mixed-use housing development project in progress.
- f. Washington County
 - i. No update.

VIII. Adjourn –

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.