

**OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY**

**COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 2019**

The December 12, 2019 Council of Officials meeting was held at the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency in Omaha, Nebraska. Clare Duda, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council members and guests. The lunch started at 11:15 a.m. The meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m.

MINUTES

A. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION

Members Present:

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| Andy Biller     | Executive Director, Council Bluffs Airport Authority                 |
| Patrick Boyle   | Community and Government Relations Director, Metro Community College |
| Mark Doyle      | President, MUD   |
| Clare Duda      | Commissioner, Douglas County   |
| Pete Festersen  | Councilmember, City of Omaha   |
| Donald Groesser | Mayor, City of Ralston   |
| Rusty Hike      | Mayor, City of Bellevue  |
| Don Kelly       | Commissioner, Sarpy County   |
| Douglas Kindig  | Mayor, City of La Vista  |
| Ron Kohn        | Mayor, City of Glenwood  |
| Justin Schultz  | Supervisor, Pottawattamie County                                     |
| Brian Shea      | Mayor, City of Crescent  |
| Matt Walsh      | Mayor, City of Council Bluffs  |

Other Guests:

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| Janet Bonet        | Spring Lake Park Team Community Group     |
| Michael B.         | 24 <sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Alliance |
| Amy Hasse          | RDG Planning and Design                   |
| Ryan Harris        | Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc.        |
| Elly Heckel        | RDG Planning and Design                   |
| Lara Huskey        | Midwest Housing and Development Fund      |
| Juanita Johnson    | 24 <sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Alliance |
| Matt Mardesen      | City of Council Bluffs                    |
| Cindy Miserez      | City of La Vista                          |
| Tristan Morris     | City of Crescent                          |
| Richard Rosenblatt | Kutak Rock Attorneys at Law               |
| Cory Scott         | RDG Planning and Design                   |
| Marty Shukert      | RDG Planning and Design                   |
| Aveva Shukert      | Guest                                     |
| Jamie Shukert      | Guest                                     |
| Ruth Shukert       | Guest                                     |
| Mark Stursma       | City of Papillion                         |
| Jim Warren         | Sarpy County                              |
| Gregg Yeutter      | Kutak Rock LLP's Tax Credit Group         |

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MAPA Staff:

Christina Brownell  
Karna Loewenstein

Sue Cutsforth  
Greg Youell

Don Gross

Michael Helgerson

B. Council of Officials Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Hike, SECOND by Kohn to approve the October 9, 2019 meeting minutes.  
Motion Carried.

C. Executive Director's Reports –

Mr. Youell provided an update to the Council of recent agency activities, and presented the following:

1. County Outreach Events
2. FY 2021 Member Survey
3. Heartland 2050, five year anniversary of the vision roll-out

D. New Business

1. Election – Council of Officials Vice President to serve through June 30, 2020 – (Action)

President Duda called for nominations to fill the Council of Officials Vice President vacancy effective January 1, 2020 and serve through June 30, 2020.

MOTION by Kohn, SECOND by Kelly to nominate Carol Vinton (Mills County, IA) to serve as MAPA Council of Officials Vice-President to serve January 1 – June 30, 2020.  
Motion Carried.

E. Regional Award of Merit Presentation – Mr. Marty Shukert, Principal – RDG Planning and Design and former director of the City of Omaha's Planning Department.

President Duda and Mr. Youell presented the Regional Award of Merit to Mr. Marty Shukert. This is a special award presented by MAPA to honor someone whose efforts have had an extraordinarily positive influence on the MAPA six-county region. Marty's long time efforts in planning, community development, and as a champion for bicycle-pedestrian activities have been instrumental in shaping Omaha and the metro area.

F. Presentation: TIF and Tax Credits – Presented by Gregg Yeutter and Richard Rosenblatt from Kutak Rock LLP Tax Credit Group.

Mr. Rosenblatt presented to the Council on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Mr. Yeutter presented to the Council on Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other housing tools.

G. Additional Business –

None.

H. Adjournment – (Action)

Motion to adjourn by Kindig. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.