

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 5, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department (left at 11:52 a.m.)
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston (left at 11:40 a.m.)
Bruce Fountain – Sarpy County – filled in to Chair meeting
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting (left at 11:45 a.m.)
Patrick Leahy – Natural Resources Committee
Thomas (Drew) Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network (arrived at 10:30 a.m.)
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Ryan Sullivan – Washington County
Carol Vinton – Mills County (left at 11:00 a.m.)
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County

Members Absent:

Troy Anderson – City of Omaha
Ann Birch – City of La Vista
Archie Carpenter – University of Nebraska Medical Center
Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
Cesar Garcia – DLR Group
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Chris Gibbons – City of Council Bluffs
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Marta Londono – Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation
Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Nancy Pridal, Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting Member)
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Connie Spellman – Heartland 2050
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Josh Corrigan, Don Gross, Trevor Harlow, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Greg Youell

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I. Welcome / Introductions –

Vice-Chair Fountain called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

II. February Meeting Minutes – (Action)

No changes or corrections.

MOTION by Vinton, SECOND by Stursma to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2019 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. Updates –

A. 2019 Flooding – Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director (MAPA) – (Information)

Mr. Youell gave an update on the role the agency will have during the recovery process and presented drone footage of the flooding. Members gave updates on impacts to their communities.

B. Population and Land Use Forecasts – Presented by Josh Corrigan, GIS Coordinator (MAPA) – (Action)

Mr. Corrigan presented to the committee for approval the Population and Land Use Forecasts. High-density and low-density growth scenarios were presented. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Jacobson to approve the Population and Land Use Forecasts.

NAYS: Berguld

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Growth and Development Report Update – Presented by Josh Corrigan, GIS Coordinator (MAPA) – (Information)

Mr. Corrigan provided an update on the MAPA Growth and Development report to the committee.

IV. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) – (Discussion)

A. Nodes and Corridors Follow Up – Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director (MAPA)

The committee continued the Nodes and Corridors discussion from the previous meeting. The discussion was focused around ways to bring the Nodes and Corridors conversation to decision makers in planning boards and departments.

B. Resiliency Planning – Presented by Jeff Spiehs, Community Relations Manager (MAPA)

Mr. Spiehs presented about the value of resiliency. Mr. Spiehs asked for any additional input for representing that in the future.

V. Additional Business – (Information)

A. H2050 Implementation Committee Updates

1. Infrastructure – Committee members are actively engaged with the Chambers work on the Unified Transportation Plan. Two new working groups have formed for a long-range utility plan and to adapt the AARP Livable Communities model.

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2. Equity and Engagement – Committee members are actively engaged with the Housing and Development Committee to help integrate an equitable development scorecard for the region.
 3. Natural Resources – Committee members are looking into ways to connect Iowa and Nebraska trail systems. Committee has met with ESRI about new GIS tools for the Natural Resources Inventory. MAPA presented to the United Way's Share Our Table leadership to pitch MAPA as a host spot for the new hire that will be overseeing the local foods network.
 4. Housing and Development – New BLK was present at the last committee meeting to help develop and grow the communication strategy around housing affordability. Committee has taken on work for fair housing and looking at benefits with business and industry.
- B. Unified Transportation Plan – (Information) Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director (MAPA)
Mr. Youell provided a brief update on the Unified Transportation Plan.
- C. ROI – Transit Investment Analysis – (Information) Presented by Greg Youell, Executive Director (MAPA)
Mr. Youell provided a brief update on the ROI Transit Investment Analysis.
- D. Metro Transit Development Plan (TDP) – (Information)
Curt Simon, Metro Transit Executive Director, provided an update to the committee on the Metro TDP.

VI. Adjourn –

Chair Fountain adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.