

H2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, October 5, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Training Room

Members in Attendance:

Chair: Nancy Pridal, Lamp Ryneerson & Associates, Inc.
Troy Anderson – Omaha Mayor's Office
Ann Birch – City of La Vista, NE
Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association
Dave Forrest – City of Ralston, NE
Cesar Garcia – DLR Group
Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna, NE
Shelley Henderson – FIRST
Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue, NE
Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA
Patrick Leahy – Papio-MO River NRD (*departed at 10:30 a.m.*)
Donna Lynam – Sarpy County
Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Thomas (Drew) Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation
Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network
Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital
Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner
Ryan Sullivan – Washington County
Carol Vinton – Mills County
Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

Members Absent:

Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI
Archie Carpenter – University of Nebraska Medical Center
David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Dept
Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs
Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting
Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College
Marta Londono – Midlands Latino Community Development Corporation
Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North
Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department
Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting Member)
Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority
Connie Spellman
Rod Storm – City of Blair
Mark Stursma – City of Papillion
Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County

Guest: None.

MAPA Staff: Christina Brownell, Trevor Harlow, Mike Helgerson, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Greg Youell

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I. Welcome / Introductions –

Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

II. Governance –

a. Approval of the minutes of August 3, 2018 meeting – (Action)

Pridal presented the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Jacobson, SECOND by Leahy to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2018 meeting of the Heartland 2050 Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Ground Rules – (Action)

Pridal presented the H2050 RPAC Ground Rules to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the H2050 RPAC Ground Rules.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

c. By-Laws – (ACTION)

Pridal presented the H2050 RPAC By-Laws to the Committee for approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the H2050 RPAC By-Laws.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

III. Regional Vision (Heartland 2050) –

a. Local Foods Hub Proposal – (ACTION)

Mr. Jeff Spiehs presented to the Committee for discussion a potential opportunity for MAPA / Heartland 2050 Local Foods Council. The United Way local foods committee (SWAG) has completed a plan identifying actions steps to move forward with the local food efforts. One of the steps identified the role of convener and facilitator and they are looking for an entity to serve that role. MAPA has been identified as a potential agency that could serve in that

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role and house an individual that would lead those efforts. The United Way committee is committed to identifying funding for this role. Staff noted that the intent is to add a staff member to do the additional work. With the committee's favorable recommendation, this will go to the MAPA Board of Directors for final approval.

MOTION by Forrest, SECOND by Rodgers to approve the Local Foods Hub Proposal.

AYES: Anderson, Birch, Eilenstine, Forrest, Garcia, Giittinger, Henderson, Jacobson, Kohn, Leahy, Lynam, Norman, Osberg, Parks, Quaites-Ferris, Reinhardt, Rodgers, Sullivan, Vinton, Zagurski

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

b. Committee Updates – (Action)

Committee chairs provided updates:

- Patrick Leahy - Natural Resource Committee: The workgroups for Natural Resources are: local foods; waste management; trails and green space; air quality and water quality. The Local Foods group is leading the way and the committee is working to identify which of the working groups is ready to begin putting plans into action next. The committee is looking for support/leadership for the air quality and water quality workgroup.
- Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Equity and Engagement Committee: The Equity and Engagement Committee has recently gone through a restructuring with changes in the Heartland 2050 boundaries. The committee is working through the recommendations that came out of the most recent Heartland 2050 Summit and the Equitable Growth Profile update. They are also working to develop presentations that are meaningful and impactful when sharing the information and data to the community.
- Zach Reinhardt – Housing and Development Committee: The committee has formed three working groups are public sector, private sector and community/non-profit. They are working on developing communication and education strategies for each stakeholder group.

IV. **Community Reports** – (Information) – **This agenda item was moved up due to time.*

- Unified Transportation Plan – Stephen Osberg, Director of Transportation Development – Greater Omaha Chamber – (Information)

Mr. Osberg provided an update on the Unified Transportation Plan from the Greater Omaha Chamber and highlighted some of the issues in our region that can be positively impacted through transportation.

III. **Regional Vision (Heartland 2050)** – (Continued)

- Action Plan Priorities – (Discussion)

Committee members split into three working groups to work on developing Action Plan priorities for: Infrastructure, Housing and Natural Resources.

IV. **Data and Mapping** – (Information)

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

V. **Grant Opportunities** – (Information)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant opportunities.

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VI. Adjourn –

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.