**Date: Friday, February 7, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Location: MAPA Offices, Omaha, NE – Board Room**

**Members in Attendance:**

Jaylene Eilenstine – Metro Omaha Builders Association

Brandon Garrett – City of Council Bluffs

Chris Gibbons – City of Council Bluffs

Leland Jacobson – City of Bellevue

Mike Jensen – Cass County

Steve Jensen – Jensen Consulting

Ron Kohn – City of Glenwood, IA

Patrick Leahy – Natural Resources Committee

Stephen Osberg – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

Drew Parks – Nebraska Department of Transportation

Nancy Pridal (Chairperson) – Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Inc.

Vicki Quaites-Ferris – Empowerment Network

Earl Redrick – HUD (Non-Voting)

Zach Reinhardt – Burlington Capital

Curt Simon – Metro Transit Authority

Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

**Members Absent:**

Kyle Anderson – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig

Troy Anderson – City of Omaha

Jamie Berglund – SPARK CDI

Fred Conley, Papio-Missouri NRD

David Fanslau – Omaha Planning Department

Dave Forrest – City of Ralston

Bruce Fountain – City of La Vista

Cesar Garcia – Magic City Redevelopment

Dan Giittinger – City of Gretna

Shelley Henderson – FIRST

Dr. Dan Kinney – Iowa Western Community College

Othello Meadows – Seventy-Five North

Lindsay Neeman – University of Nebraska Medicine

Mark Norman – Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Adi Pour – Douglas County Health Department

Chris Rodgers – Douglas County Commissioner

Connie Spellman – Heartland 2050

Rod Storm – City of Blair

Gayle Sturdivant – City of Omaha Public Works

Mark Stursma – City of Papillion

Matt Wyant – Pottawattamie County

Carol Vinton – Mills County

Laurie Zagurski – Omaha Public Power District

**Guest:** None.

**MAPA Staff:** Josh Corrigan, Sarah Fixmer, Don Gross, Karna Loewenstein, Jeff Spiehs, Ariana Wesley-Powell, Greg Youell

1. **Welcome / Introductions –**

Chair Pridal called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., welcomed the committee, and introductions were made.

1. **December Meeting Minutes – (Action)**

No changes or corrections.

MOTION by Reinhardt, SECOND by Kohn to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2019 meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC).

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Introduction/Overview of CEDS Priorities- Presented by Josh Corrigan and Don Gross (Discussion)**

Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Gross presented to the group about CEDS priorities in the region. They shared data that can be found here: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/707f245129e749d8b08c078057872556> and here: <https://mapa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/69e313beef5541e5a6e674277c75eeec>.

1. **Heartland 2050 Committees/Workgroups Update**
2. Natural Resources- Big Project Community Forest Plan- Presented by Patrick Leahy (Action)
   1. Mr. Leahy presented their Community Forest Plan ‘big idea’ to the group and asked for a vote to move forward with it
   2. MOTION by Osberg, SECOND by Reinhardt to approve the Community Forest Plan of the Natural Resources Committee
3. Housing and Development- Missing Middle Bill in NE Legislature- Presented by Jeff Spiehs and Zach Reinhardt
   1. Mr. Spiehs and Mr. Reinhardt provided updates about the Missing Middle bill being proposed to the unicameral this year.
4. Equity and Engagement- 2020 Plan of Work- Presented by Vicki Quaites-Ferris and Jeff Spiehs
   1. Mrs. Quaites-Ferris and Mr. Spiehs provided updates about the committee’s plans for this year including:
      1. Increase access and affordability of sustainable infrastructure for vulnerable populations
      2. Promote inclusive development that delivers services, jobs, infrastructure and affordable housing to people of color
5. Infrastructure- ConnectGO Polling Results- Presented by Stephen Osberg
   1. Mr. Osberg provided the results from the ConnectGO survey that was conducted last fall.
6. **Heartland 2050 Mini-Grants (Information)- Presented by Karna Loewenstein**

Mrs. Loewenstein provided information about Heartland 2050 mini-grants and updated the group on the upcoming mini-grant selection process.

1. **Community Updates**
2. Cass County
   1. No update.
3. Douglas County
   1. No update.
4. Mills County
   1. No update.
5. Pottawattamie County- Presented by Brandon Garrett
   1. Mr. Garrett updated the group on First Avenue redevelopment progress.
6. Sarpy County
   1. No update.
7. Washington County
   1. No update.
8. **Additional Information- NARC DC Visit- Presented by Greg Youell**

Mr. Youell provided information on his NARC visit in Washington D.C. and provided the

1. **Adjourn**

Chair Pridal adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020 at MAPA in the Downstairs Training Room.