

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

**COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS
REGULAR MEETING
October 13, 2021**

The October 13, 2021 Council of Officials Annual Meeting was held at Round the Bend Steakhouse in Ashland, Nebraska.

MINUTES

- A. Call to Order and Introductions – Pete Festersen, President, opened the meeting by welcoming all Council members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m. members and guests were welcomed, lunch was served.

Members Present:

David Black	Mayor, City of Papillion
Fred Connley	Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
Mike Evans	Mayor, City of Ashland
Pete Festersen (President)	City Council President, City of Omaha
Rusty Hike	Mayor, City of Bellevue
Zac Johns	Mayor, City of Bennington
Douglas Kindig	Mayor, City of La Vista
Janey McCartney	Commissioner, Cass County
Linda McDermit	Board of Governors, Metropolitan Community College
Michaela Valentin	Government & Community Relations Manager, Omaha Public Power District
Carol Vinton	Supervisor, Mills County
Matthew Walsh	Mayor, City of Council Bluffs
Jim Warren	Commissioner, Sarpy County

Other Guests:

Dee Arias	City of Louisville
Patrick Boyle	Metropolitan Community College
Amanda Boyle	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Bryce Hallmark	HDR
Sue Carson-Moore	Together Omaha Inc.
Paula Dennison	City of Gretna
Nicole Engles	City of Omaha
Gerry Ford	Together Omaha Inc.
Bruce Fountain	City of LaVista
Don Glenn	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Cynthia Goslin	Together Omaha Inc.
Phil Green	City of Papillion
Julie Harris	Bike Walk Nebraska
Naomi Hattway	Front Door Investments
Kevin Hensel	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Kris Hess	Together Omaha Inc.
Michael Holton	City of Treynor
Tom Hoy	Together Omaha Inc.
Tj Isaacs	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Mindi Laaker	City of Bennington
Krissy Madej	Together Omaha Inc.
Ken Mar	Habitat of Humanity of Omaha
Kiley Miller	Trees forever, (Speaker)
Jeff Murray	First Data(Guest of Tina Murray)
Tina Murray	Together Omaha Inc.
Louis Olivera	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Dan Patterson	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

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Rod Peterson	City of Louisville
Mark Rodgers	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Mark Stursma	City of Papillion
LaRita Swinnerton	Together Omaha Inc.
Lisa Taylor-Jones	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Lucas Weatherly	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Randy Wiese	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
Jeremy Williams	HDR

MAPA Staff:

Natasha Barrett	Christina Brownell	Sue Cutsforth	Matt Eash	Travis Halm
Laura Heilman	Mike Helgerson	Karna Loewenstein	Ryan Ossell	Shawna Silvius
Elizabeth Zeller				

Meeting reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

B. Business – (Action)

1. Approval of the Council of Officials Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Meeting – (Action)

MOTION by Boyle, SECOND by Hike to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes.
Motion Carried.

C. Director's Remarks – (Information)

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Council on MAPA projects and department activities. Updates were provided on: housing activities on Pottawattamie, Washington and Mills County; broadband mapping; regional revolving loan fund partnership with Nebraska Enterprise Fund; 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP); new census data; Heartland 2050; and the MAPA Equity Assessment.

D. Keynote Speaker – (Information)

CEO of Trees Forever, Mr. Kiley Miller, presented the Council on, "Finding Community in Small Towns and Big Trees".

E. Regional Award Presentation – (Information)

MAPA Board Chair, Mr Doug Kindig and Mr. Helgerson presented the 2021 Regional Awards. Habitat for Humanity Omaha Sarpy County received the Regional Service reward. Ms. Tina Murray, Crisis Engagement Program Director at Together received the Regional Citizenship Award.
President Festerson, presented the Award of Merit to Dr. Audi Pour, for her work with the Douglas County Health Department.

F. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Vinton. President Festersen adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.