

OMAHA-COUNCIL BLUFFS METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY

COUNCIL OF OFFICIALS ANNUAL MEETING October 4, 2023

The October 4, 2023 Council of Officials Meeting was held at Bellevue Berry Farm, 11001 South 48th Street Papillion, NE 68133.

MINUTES

- A. Welcome: Mayor David Black, City of Papillion & County Commissioner Angi Burmesister welcomed all council members and guests.
- B. Call to Order and Introductions – President Festersen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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| David Black | Mayor, City of Papillion |
| Angi Burmeister | Commissioner, Sarpy County |
| Steve Dethlefs | Supervisor, Washington County Board |
| Mike Evans | Mayor, City of Gretna |
| Pete Festersen (President) | City Council President, City of Omaha |
| Allen Hadfield | Mayor, City of Treynor |
| Rusty Hike | Mayor, City of Bellevue |
| Zac Johns | Mayor, City of Bennington |
| Sharon McNutt | Mayor, City of Silver City |
| Jacquelyn Morrison | Deputy Chief of Staff Economic Development, City of Omaha |
| Mindy Rump | Mayor, City of Blair |
| Brian Shea | Supervisor, Pottawattamie County |
| Douglas Shere | Mayor, City of Malvern |
| Carol Vinton | Supervisor, Mills County |

Other Guests: 45

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| John Bohrer | City Director, City of Bennington |
| Scott Bovick | Deputy County Administrator, Sarpy County |
| John Brownell | Guest |
| Lauren Cencic | CEO Metro, Metro Transit |
| Qingbin Cui | Professor, Build America Center at UMD |
| Adam Denney | Senior Traffic Engineer, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig |
| Mark Draper | Guest |
| Geni Evans | First Lady, City of Gretna |
| Heidi Feehrmeyer | Guest |
| Bruce Fountain | Director of Community Development, City of LaVista |
| Joe George | City Clerk, City of Malvern |
| Ian Ghanavati | Water Resource Engineer, Papio-Missouri River NRD |
| Deb Hale | Councilmember, City of LaVista |
| Devin Holcomb | KPAO Community Television |
| Kristine Hull | Guest |
| Brian Kaminski | VP Client Services, Emspace + Lovegren |
| Pat Kastl | Sr. Project Manager, Benesch |
| Vicki Kramer | Director, NDOT |
| Kyle Lancial | Guest |
| Natalie Lancial | President, MABA |
| Karna Loewenstein | Guest |
| Peter Mancauskas | Innovative Finance Program Manager, FHWA |
| Steve McCoy | Chief Information & Development Officer |
| Matt McFadden | Senior Roadway Engineer, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig |

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| Craig Mielke | Senior Project Manager, Benesch |
| Susan Miller | Board of Supervisors, Pottawattamie County |
| Dave Morgan | Budget Lead, OPPD |
| Julie O'Dell | Transportation Finance Specialist, FHWA |
| Daniel Owens | Director of Planning & Engineering, Omaha Airport Authority |
| Greg Pierce | Guest |
| Bonnie Pierce | Board Member, MABA |
| Wanda Preecock | Chair, Board of Directors, Village of Cedar Creek |
| Vicki Quaites-Ferris | Vice President of Community Development, Empowerment Network |
| Terrilyn Quick | Councilmember, City of LaVista |
| Andrew Rainbolt | Executive Director, Mills County Economic Development Foundation |
| Don Rowe | Omaha City Council, City of Omaha |
| Marty Rump | Guest |
| Allison Sambol | Senior Environmental Scientist, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig |
| Jody Shea | City Clerk, City of Crescent |
| Chris Solberg | Deputy Director, City of LaVista |
| Cindy Sorlien | City Administrator/Clerk, City of Underwood |
| Keith Station | Deputy Chief of Staff, City of Omaha Mayor's Office |
| Ashley Rae Turner | Community Outreach & Engagement Strategist Emspace + Lovgren |
| Roxanne Williams | Guest |
| Eric Williams | Natural Resources Planner, Papio-Missouri River NRD |

MAPA Staff:

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| Grant Anderson | Court Barber | Natasha Barrett | Micael Blank | Jim Boerner |
| Christina Brownell | Josh Corrigan | Sue Cutsforth | Matt Eash | Bradley Grefe |
| Travis Halm | Charlie Harrington | Laura Heilman | Michael Helgerson | Saul Lopez |
| Carlos Morales | Shawna Silvius | Owen Stuckey | Jodi Woolery | Elizabeth Zeller |

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes - (ACTION)

1. June 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Vinton, Second by Festersen to approve June 14, 2023 meeting minutes.

D. Executive Director's Report - (Information)

Mr. Helgerson provided an update to the Council on MAPA's accomplishments for the previous year including the release of the 2023 Annual Report; acknowledgement and thank you to the MAPA Board of Directors, MAPA Leadership Team & MAPA staff for work throughout the year; highlights of agency awards and the 2024 - 2028 Strategic Plan. Mr. Helgerson gave projects updates for City of Blair, Safe Streets for All; Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) projects; Regional Climate Action & Resilience Plan; Highway 75 Study, Sarpy County I-80 PEL Study; Western Sarpy Transportation Enhancement Plan (WE-STEP); US 34/75 Platte River Bridge Bicycle-Pedestrian Trail; Digital Equity Plan; and Thriving Communities.

E. Keynote Speaker - (Information)

1. Peter Mancauskas, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Center for Innovative Finance –

Mr. Mancauskas presented on the topic of innovative financing strategies to deliver costly and complex infrastructure projects.

F. 2023 Annual Awards Presentation

Vice President Vinton presented the Regional Service Award to the Malvern Area Betterment Association (MABA) for the agency's focus on community development, beautification, volunteerism, civic engagement, educational programming, cultivation of partnerships, and creation of cultural and family-friendly events. Recent projects include revitalizing Malvern's downtown and building a new recreational park furnished with a basketball court and play equipment.

President Pete Festersen presented the Regional Citizenship Award to Mr. Eric Williams, Natural Resources Planner Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District. Mr. Williams has dedicated his

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career to conserving and protecting natural resources throughout the Omaha metro area. As the Natural Resources Planner at the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, he has led the design and construction of major trail projects including the Western Douglas County Trail and multiple phases of both the West Papio Trail and Beltline Trail. Williams has served on multiple boards and was elected as a Director for the Omaha Public Power District in 2018, where he is currently the Board of Directors Chair. Mr. Williams has dedicated his career to conserving and protecting natural resources throughout the Omaha metro area. As the Natural Resources Planner at the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, he has led the design and construction of major trail projects including the Western Douglas County Trail and multiple phases of both the West Papio Trail and Beltline Trail. Williams has served on multiple boards and was elected as a Director for the Omaha Public Power District in 2018, where he is currently the Board of Directors Chair.

- G. Adjournment – President Festersen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.