



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2009 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for reference.

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Randy Paul (citizen), Buff Brown (B-TOP), and David Walter (6th & Ritter NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Regina DiLavore (Bloomington Environmental Commission), and Scott Robinson (BMCMCO Staff).

- I. Call to Order (~6:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** - The minutes from the June 24, 2009 meeting were accepted.
- III. Communications from the Chair** - Mr. Baker provided a summary of the June 26th, 2009 Policy Committee meeting with emphasis on the SR 45/46 bypass project and I-69 property acquisition request. Discussion ensued.
- IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees** – There were no reports.
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff**
 - A. Ball State Student Study** - Mr. Robinson said that staff spoke with Mr. Truex from Ball State University and confirmed our proposals are still active and viable, but their selection will depend on faculty and student interests for the school year. He also confirmed that the CAC could submit additional proposals if desired.
 - B. FY 2009 4th Quarter Progress Report** - Mr. Robinson provided a brief overview of the report; which is mostly for informational purposes. There were no questions.
 - C. North Campus Area Study** – Mr. Robinson explained that the consultants are planning on holding the second round of public workshops around September 9-11 (details forthcoming). The workshops will present and seek feedback on three alternatives being considered: do nothing; one way pair; or two way pair. A final recommendation on a preferred alternative is expected later this fall. Mr. Brown questioned the basis for these scenarios and asked if his bus only concept was evaluated. Mr. Robinson was not sure on the level of analysis on the alternatives, but expects the consultant considered concepts submitted as part of the workshops and will detail this as part the workshops. Mr. Brown questioned the ability to incorporate this concept at this point and suggested a motion is needed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Baker said of this nature could hurt the credibility of the CAC because it is too soon and we should wait until the workshops. Mr. Brown made a motion to state the CAC is interested in a bus only scenario for 10th Street and to be part this study. Mr. Paul seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued. The motion passed by a majority of members present (5-2).

D. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects – (during FY 2009 Quarterly Progress Report) – Mr. Robinson responded to Ms. Wrubel’s question about the Heritage Trail project and explained that it would not meet the deadlines in order to use stimulus funds because of historic review and floodplain permitting processes. He reminded everyone that the MPO agreed the City’s downtown signalization project was the next project to receive stimulus funds. He explained the Policy Committee then approved a TIP amendment for the signalization of 4th and Walnut and 4th and College through e-mail procedures. Ms. Ryterband asked which fiscal year this TIP amendment applies to and Mr. Robinson said he would find out in relation to the approval status of the TIP.

VI. Old Business

A. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization Discussion FY 2009— Mr. Baker gave background information on this discussion and Mr. Robinson explained the draft material that was included in the packet was for discussion purposes. Ms. Ryterband submitted another example of a scoring system developed by BTOP and provided handouts. She suggested the point system should include negative numbers. Mr. Robinson said the system should be used as a way for projects to be included in the long range plan. Ms. Ryterband and Mr. Brown suggest the system could be used for both the TIP and long range plan. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brown provided a review of the score system BTOP developed. Discussion ensued and Mr. Baker moved on to new business in the interest of time.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Enhancement Review Committee – Mr. Robinson asked the CAC to nominate up to two members to serve on the TE Selection Committee. He gave a review of the process adopted this spring, a call for projects, an overview of the applications to review, and the requirements to serve on the selection committee. The CAC nominated and approved Ms. Ryterband to serve on the TE Selection Committee.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – Ms. Ryterband asked to have INDOT provide a status report on the designs for the SR 45 (Bypass to Pete Ellis). Ms. DiLamore asked to discuss options to provide an electric outlet for electric vehicles in the City’s parking garages.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A.** Policy Committee – September 11, 2009 at 1:30pm (Council Chambers)
- B.** Technical Advisory Committee – September 23, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C.** Citizens Advisory Committee – September 23, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:00 PM)

These minutes were corrected and approved by the CAC at their regular meeting held on September 23, 2009. (staff initials: SFR 9/23/2009)