



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), David Walter (6th & Ritter NA), John Kehrberg (citizen), Ted Miller (citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), and Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Raymond Hess (BMCMPO staff), and Scott Robinson (BMCMCO staff).

- I. Call to Order (~6:30 PM)**
- II. Approval of Minutes** - The minutes from the September 23, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented.
- III. Communications from the Chair** – Mr. Baker was unable to attend the last meeting of the Policy Committee. Mr. Robinson reported that the Policy Committee awarded the Transportation Enhancement funds consistent with the recommendation of the Selection Committee and the CAC. He also stated that the Policy Committee amended the TIP to include a Monroe County preventive maintenance project of Old SR 37 which was partially inside the metropolitan planning area.
- IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees** – Laurel Cornell explained that the project prioritization subcommittee was established to create a scoring system to evaluate projects. The subcommittee (made up of Buff Brown, Laurel Cornell, Elizabeth Cox-Ash, and Joanne Henriot) has agreed on a goal: To fulfill the Long Range Transportation Plan Vision and hold true its important community values through policy decisions and direction on long range transportation investments. Ms. Cornell also reviewed the three purposes of the scoring system. The subcommittee will evaluate the goals and the objectives detailed in the Vision Statement to determine priorities.
- V. Reports from the MPO Staff**
 - A. MPO Conference** – Mr. Hess stated that he and Josh Desmond attended the MPO Conference in Lafayette. The BMCMPO was awarded the Outstanding MPO Planning Project award for the Complete Streets Policy.
- VI. Old Business** – There was no Old Business
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Bloomington Transit’s (BT’s) Transit Development Program (TDP) Overview** – Lew May presented an overview of the final TDP. The TDP is a strategic plan for Bloomington Transit for the next five to ten years. The study was done by a Canadian

firm, called Entra Consultants. Mr. May reviewed the findings related to existing conditions of the BT network. Ridership has grown nearly 10 fold over the last 25 years. Bloomington Transit currently has almost three million riders. Bloomington is number one in Indiana in ridership per capita. The consultant looked at residential and employment growth to determine future transit needs. Mr. May also reviewed other needs and opportunities as identified by the consultant and through the public input process. The plan is to increase transit service by nearly 50% by 2019 at a cost of about \$3.6 million. It is expected that ridership would grow by 50% as well. The expansion of service was illustrated through a preferred service concept which identified corridor routes, radial routes, and cross-town routes. Ms. Wrubel asked how BT could serve areas outside of the City. Mr. May explained a change in Indiana law that happened this year would enable BT to provide service to the County line. However, this does not mean coverage will be expanded since no extra funding would be made available. Ms. Wrubel also asked about how late busses run. Mr. May replied that as of last year, all downtown routes run until 11pm. He also stated that BT has taken over the night owl service which runs until 3:30 am on the 6 and 9 routes. No problems have presented themselves on the night owl service as of yet.

B. Discussion – Role of CAC on bicycle and pedestrian issues – The Committee agreed to postpone discussion of this item until the next meeting.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – Joanne Henriot suggested that the CAC make a policy statement on a unified transit system between IU and BT. Ted Miller suggested that the idea of a regional transit authority be up for discussion as well. Mr. Baker suggested the Committee take up this topic at a meeting in 2010.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – November 13, 2009 at 1:30pm (Council Chambers)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – November 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – November 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~7:55 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on November 18, 2009.
(RCH: 11/18/2009)*