



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2011 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall

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

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA), Marc Cornett (citizen), Paul Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Barbara Salisbury (S. IN Center for Independent Living), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), and David Walter (6th and Ritter NA).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO), David Sabbagh (citizen).

I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:40 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes - The May 25, 2011 minutes were accepted with no corrections.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray reported on the June 10th Policy Committee meeting. He reported that the Policy Committee passed a resolution supporting transit as part of a statewide effort. They adopted the TIP amendment for an intersection improvement project at SR45 and Garrison Chapel Road and decided to only have CATS broadcast and televise meetings as necessary or by request.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

Ms. Salisbury provided handouts for the ATCI (Accessible Transportation Coalitions Initiative) event this fall (September 13, and 14) on training and awareness to increase mobility for people with disabilities. The handouts have registration forms and other information and she encouraged everyone to attend or to pass the information along.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. Platinum Biking Task Force – Mr. Robinson provided an overview of the Task Force and the background information on their meeting schedules and the Bicycle Friendly Community program. The Task Force has a webpage that regularly posts information and meeting material (<http://bloomington.in.gov/platinum-biking-task-force>). Ms. Ryterband asked about the bike racks that were removed on the north side of the Courthouse Square and is frustrated that they are removed. Mr. Robinson was not aware of the reason and suggested contacting the Public Works Department.

B. Bypass and Accessibility - Mr. Hess spoke with Ed Cox from the Indian Department of Transportation and audible signals have been selected, but are waiting for approval explained Mr. Robinson. Ms. Salisbury asked if they were for all intersections and Robinson said he would follow up with Mr. Hess.

VI. Old Business

A. ADA and Accessibility Policy (recommendation requested) – The draft policy was presented again to the CAC and staff is seeking a recommendation. Mr. Robinson pointed out how staff made changes to the TIP Project Form based on discussions from the ADA

policy. He also explained that staff cannot require local agencies to totally complete the TIP form and it is up to the committees during their review process to determine the adequacy of the information provided and/or merits of a project request. Ms. Salisbury suggested to insert an ‘and’ between ADA and Universal Design and everyone agreed the policy should be inclusive as part of the Complete Streets Policy. Mr. Robinson said staff would make the revision. Ms. Ryterband made a motion to adopt the policy, with the revision, and to send it on to the TAC for their consideration as an amendment to the Complete Streets Policy. Mr. Cornett seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Comment Discussion – Robinson explained the premise of this agenda item and gave a few examples on how information and public comments can become complicated. Staff strives to have packets and information readily available to everyone - this way BMCMPPO members can make informed decisions well before the meeting. Sometimes information and requests do not allow for full transparency and packet distribution. Thus staff is seeking ideas and feedback on how to improve the process. Mr. Walter said a check box on the sign-up sheet can help manage the interest level on items on the agenda. Mr. Cornett thinks the current system is fair and people should be able to deal with the draft agenda notice and topic suggestions on the agenda to get request considered. Everyone agreed a five minute limit is reasonable to convey their comment. Mr. Milroy said staff should stay as long as it takes and allow public comment because of accountability. Ms. Ryterband applauded the efforts of this CAC because many other MPO’s do not have active or welcome this kind of involvement. She said this CAC is one of a few and suggested this topic be continued to the next meeting. Mr. Sabbagh expressed his disappointment that the CAC recommend the Sare Road Roundabout be delayed another year. His neighborhood was expecting improvements to happen soon for this intersection. He continued to say that Bloomington is very walkable and pedestrians are respected.

C. Transportation Improvement Program Discussion – Robinson reviewed the issues around the TIP and steps staff has taken to improve the process. Mr. Ash said the project scoring does not work for all projects such as transit. There was a general concern that there is no connection to the Growth Policies Plan and Robinson explained that is a City plan and not a BMCMPPO plan. Members feel there should be a stronger linkage to the GPP for city projects included in the TIP.

VII. New Business – None.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members – None.

IX. Upcoming Meetings (July Summer Recess)

- A. Technical Advisory Committee– August 24, 2011 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee– August 24, 2011 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – September 9, 2011 at 1:30pm (Council Chambers)

Adjournment (~7:55 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on August 24, 2011.
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