



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2012 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), Vice-Chair Laurel Cornell (Citizen), Paul Ash (McDoel NA), Jack Baker (McDoel NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel NA), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), Ted Miller (Citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), John Kehrberg (Citizen), and David Sabbagh (Citizen).

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Sandra Tokarski (Citizen), Barbara Salisbury (MCCAM), Rhett Salisbury (Citizen), Mary Jane Hall (Citizen), Robin Thompson (URS), Sam Sarvis (INDOT), Mary Jo Hamman (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Jodie Snyder (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.), Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO Staff), Josh Desmond (BMCMPPO Staff).

I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:35 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes – The 3/28/12 minutes were accepted by the Committee without modification.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray mentioned the farewell resolution for Raymond Hess by the Policy Committee for his exceptional service. CAC members gave an ovation as a farewell gesture to Mr. Hess and his new career opportunity.

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. LRTP Task Force – Mr. Desmond said three of the seventeen consulting firms contacted submitted a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) for the Request for Qualifications issued regarding the update of the transportation plan. Staff and a subcommittee of the Task Force will review the SOQs and make a selection on a preferred consultant for the Policy Committee to consider.

B. Project Updates – Mr. Thompson provided a status report on Section 4 of I69 on behalf of INDOT. He noted anticipated letting dates for subsections of Section 4 as well as a public comment period for the two interchange designs at SR 37 and I69. Ms. Hamman, on behalf of INDOT, gave a similar presentation on Section 5 of I69 to the Public Information Meeting on 4/24/2012. She handed out maps and other material (available at the Section 5's office as well as on-line). The presentation highlighted key milestones on design considerations, the approval process, as well as differences between Alternatives 4, 5, 6, and 7. Mr. Murray asked how long the EIS would be valid and if rail is a consideration to address congestion. Ms. Hamman replied that EIS are valid for many years as long as no changes occur with the project and its environmental impacts. Rail is not considered as an alternative and if so the topography would make it difficult within the existing study area, said Hamman. Ms. Tokarski asked for clarification on Section 4 vs. Section 5 and the N. Clear Creek Historic Landscape designation, future I69 CAC meetings, and notifications. Ms. Hamman said staff will be available after the meeting to answer any questions or can make other arrangements. Mr. Milroy asked about the

uncertainty in future funding and the aspect of an incomplete project. Mr. Sarvis said future funding is always an unknown, safety is not compromised when phasing projects, and I69 is the top priority of INDOT. Discussion ensued and in light of the remaining time and other agenda items Mr. Murray asked CAC members to discuss other questions after the meeting with INDOT and the I69 consultants.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. 2012 MPO Conference – Mr. Desmond reported that staff continues to plan for the fall MPO conference. Staff is working on registration materials, mobile workshops, and finalizing the contract for the keynote speaker from the Victoria Transportation Policy Institute. He said BMCMPPO members are encouraged to attend (reasonable registration fee) and to contact staff if they would like to present a session.

B. Membership Drive – Staff, along with the Chair, sends out invitations to community groups, boards, commissions and neighborhood associations annually as part of a membership drive reported Mr. Robinson. He will follow-up with the CAC on the specifics of this year's outreach (note: 75 invitations were sent out on March 28, 2012).

VI. Old Business

A. ADA Policy Statement - Mr. Robinson reported that he would make minor revisions based on concerns over a reference to Universal Design and send it out for review to the ADA Subcommittee. The draft policy statement will be presented for a final recommendation sometime soon.

B. 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (*Recommendation Requested*) - Mr. Desmond reported on the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and nothing changed other than information on two elements for Bloomington Transit. He said this would include a ridership survey to update 2006 information and a Title VI update for compliance with the Civil Rights Act. Both would involve hiring consultants to complete this work. *****Mr. Sabbagh moved approval of the UPWP. Ms. Cornell seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

C. LRTP Task Force Vacancy (*Nomination Requested*) – Mr. Desmond said Ms. Cornell could no longer serve on the Task Force and asked for a replacement. *****Mr. Baker nominated Mr. Sabbagh to serve on the Task Force. Mr. Ash seconded. There was unanimous approval.**

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

a. **Safe Routes to School Non-infrastructure Grant (*Recommendation Requested*)** - Mr. Desmond gave an overview of the non-infrastructure grant award to educate and encourage children to walk and/or bike to school. Seven schools are covered by this grant and it is similar to a previous award. Desmond said the grant needs to be reflected in the TIP. *****Mr. Sabbagh moved approval of the Amendment. Ms. Cornell seconded. There was unanimous approval.**



VIII. Communications from Committee Members

Ms. Cornell said she made an appointment with the Switchyard Master Plan consultants on behalf of the CAC for May 14th, 4:00 PM at the Convention Center. Important issues include Hillside Drive and Rockport Road.

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – Mrs. Salisbury reported on MCCAM’s efforts and they will be having a retreat on May 29th. Details on the retreat are being finalized, but would be good to report on at a future meeting for the CAC membership.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – May 11, 2012 1:30pm (Council Chambers)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – May 23, 2012 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – May 23, 2012 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:04 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on May 23, 2012.
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