



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2013 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): Laurel Cornell, Patrick Murray, Anita Douglas, Larry Jacobs, Ross Dybrig, James Reed, Mary Jane Hall, Randy Cassidy, Tamby Cassidy, Ken Campanella, Paul Ash, Ted Miller, Glenn Carter, Morris Buckley, and David Walter.

Others in Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Sandra Flum (INDOT) and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff)

I. Call to Order and Introductions (~6:33 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes – The October 23, 2013 minutes were approved by the Committee.

III. Communications from the Chair – Ms. Cornell gave a presentation on the AMPO conference she attended in Portland Oregon. There were several conference highlights she discussed. One area was on data collection efforts that focused on the likelihood of walkability as well as GPS mapping of bicyclists to identify new routes. Another focused on public health and transportation. Many are aware of the inverse relationship between overweight/obesity rates and utilitarian trip rates by walking and bicycling. A key aspect to addressing this is getting public health agencies involved. She also discussed a public private partnership with area hospitals and a riverfront development linked to various transportation initiatives. Last she highlighted a program aimed to change behavior in a high crash rate area where traditional efforts may have focused on new infrastructure. The program focused on tailgating, distracted driving, aggressive lane changing, and failure to yield (see <http://www.caremoreargyle.com/>).

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees

A. Project Updates – Ms. Flum provided a status report on I69 Section 5. Land acquisition, tree clearing, and construction proposals are forthcoming in the near future. We will see some activity along the corridor with construction commencing sometime in the fall of 2014. She also said the Walnut bridge work will be underway soon and is timed with I69. Mr. Carter asked about public comment opportunities and Flum said public comments will be taken and recorded after bid awards. Ms. Hall said some houses are now being vacated and Flum said they hope to have everyone vacated by February and the homes will be demolished for various safety reasons. Mr. Ash asked about the 17th Street gap between Vernal Pike/I69 and the Arlington/17th Roundabout projects and whether there is coordination for improvements for this section of 17th Street. Mr. Robinson said both INDOT and the City are aware of the needs, but at this point there is no course of action. He said that both projects will likely be completed before anything physically happens along this section of 17th Street. Robinson continued and gave an overview of the project reports given at the TAC meeting from the City and County and there were no additional questions.

B. MTP Task Force – Mr. Robinson reported that the Task Force continues to regularly meet and provide general direction over the development of the Master Transportation Plan. Work



continues on refining goals and objectives with focus shifting to the model and scenarios early next year. The base year model should be ready by the end of this year and there will be opportunities for the public and MPO members to participate as the process continues. Mr. Miller said the Task Force sees an emphasis of the MPO contending with the impacts of I69 which may be a point of contention for some.

V. Reports from MPO Staff

A. Quarterly Tracking Report – Mr. Robinson gave a brief overview of the material included in the meeting packet and said staff is open to suggestions to help further improve the dissemination of project information.

B. MPO Open House December 13 – Mr. Robinson reminded everyone about the annual Open House. There will be light refreshments and food over the lunch hour and welcomed members to come and enjoy some unofficial business and meet other committee members.

C. Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations in January – Mr. Robinson said elections will be held in January and staff will take nominations as well as explain the duties for anyone considering serving as the Chair or Vice Chair.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Alternatives Program Committee Nominations – Mr. Robinson said the BMCMPPO issued a call for TAP projects and we will need to commence a selection review committee as part of our local Transportation Alternatives Program. He explained the process and asked for interested individuals. Mr. Murray and Mr. Ash expressed interest and there were no others so both could serve on the committee as CAC representatives. There was no objection and both were fine with serving on this committee.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for Future Agendas – none

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Policy Committee – January 10, 2014 (Council Chambers)

B. Technical Advisory Committee – January 22, 2014 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)

C. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 22, 2014 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)

X. Topic Suggestions under Consideration for Future Discussion

Communication & Public Coordination Improvements, Bike/Pedestrian Set Aside Money, and INDOT presentation on innovative financing.

Adjournment (~7:35 PM)

These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on January 22, 2014.