



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 22, 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 full 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), David Walter (6th & Ritter NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), Jerry Stasny (ONE NA), John Kehrberg (citizen), and Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA), Corey Brainerd (citizen), Rob Helton (citizen), Scott Robinson (BMC MCO Staff), and Raymond Hess (BMC MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:34 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 25, 2009 meeting were accepted by the CAC.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Baker asked that everyone introduce themselves and then reported that the Policy Committee approved the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects at their special meeting and will be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to use stimulus funds. These projects were reviewed at previous meetings and are similar to the CAC's recommendations. Mr. Hess provided a detailed review of each ARRA project that was approved by the Policy Committee. There was no further discussion.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees – There were no reports.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. 10th Street Campus Mobility Study

Mr. Hess provided an overview of the recent public workshops and the next steps of the study. He explained that public comments and ideas are still being taken, and encourage, through a survey and internet outreach efforts. These efforts will continue throughout the process and information on how to access these internet resources were provided. Mr. Stasny appreciated these efforts and encouraged everyone to participate.

B. FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Development

Mr. Hess explained that MPO staff is in the process of developing the next Transportation Improvement Program and said that the CAC will have a draft to review and make a recommendation at the May meeting. A call for projects will be issued to our Local Public Agencies this week. Mr. Robinson mentioned that staff will now incorporate the Complete Street Policy as part of this process and expects this will help with the development and review of the TIP. Ms. Ryterband asked for clarification on which projects that will have to follow the



Complete Street Policy and if staff has trained anyone regarding the policy. Mr. Hess explained the exemptions and Mr. Robinson mentioned that staff worked closely with individuals that have to follow the policy.

C. FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Hess gave an overview of the next Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and explained that since it is a two-year program there will be few changes this time around. Like the TIP, staff is behind schedule and the CAC will have a draft to review and make a recommendation at their May meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization Discussion

Mr. Baker explained the background on this item and asked that members suggest which one of the three examples provided in the packet would be the best model to follow. This way he could direct staff to begin developing a system that the CAC could review at a later date. Discussion ensued and the consensus was to follow the Portland example. Mr. Baker submitted an outline of ideas for staff to consider in addition to the Portland example.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

1. INDOT – SR 48 pavement preservation from SR 37 to Curry Pike

Mr. Hess provided a detailed summary of the request and there was a discussion about the various cost/benefit aspects for a thin overlay of pavement. Mr. Murray motioned to recommend approval and Ms. Ryterband second. The motion passed unanimously.

2. INDOT – SR 45/56 Bypass from Kinser Pike to Pete Ellis Drive

Mr. Hess provided a detailed summary of the request and there was some questions regarding the design of the project, but staff could not answer all the questions. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ryterband raised concerns with the design and says she hates the project because it only will create more traffic. Mr. Kehrberg motioned to recommend approval of the request and Mr. Stasny seconded. The motion did not pass.

B. Ball State Student Study Discussion

Mr. Baker talked about the history of this program and asked if members would like to submit more projects. Mr. Hess showcased the internet site where the two CAC projects are posted for Ball State. Mrs. Henriot liked the Allen Street proposal. The consensus was to keep the same two projects and not to develop another project proposal at this time. Mr. Baker asked staff to follow-up with Ball State to see if the two projects need to be resubmitted and if there is any interest in our submissions.

C. Safe Routs to School applications

Mr. Hess detailed the timeline and process for the grant applications. He explained that because of the committees' schedules and the grant deadline there is only one potential grant application at this time to review. Mr. Hess reviewed the pending grant application for Lakeview Elementary School. Ms. Ryterband made a motion to recommend approval of the request and



Mr. Murray seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

D. Transportation Enhancement Process

Mr. Robinson provided background information on the Transportation Enhancement (TE) process and then gave a summary of the draft local TE process included in the packet. He also gave a summary of the concerns the TAC had expressed during their meeting and then asked for suggestions that the CAC would like to see included. Discussion ensued and many felt the conflict of interest clause was fine. Ms. Ryterband motioned to recommend approval of the request and Mr. Kehrberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – no suggestions.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A.** Policy Committee – May 8, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- B.** Technical Advisory Committee – May 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C.** Citizens Advisory Committee – May 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:20 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on May 27, 2009.
(staff initials: RCH 5/27/2009)*