



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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), Ted Miller (Citizen), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), David Walter (6th & Ritter NA), and Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Randy G. Paul (Council on Community Accessibility), Anderson Bruce M. (Citizen), Caitlin Milburn (Citizen), Scott Robinson (BMC MCO Staff), and Raymond Hess (BMC MPO Staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:39 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 25, 2009 meeting were accepted by the CAC with one correction.

III. Communications from the Chair

Mr. Baker reported that the Policy Committee did not approve the INDOT TIP amendment request for property acquisition at SR 37 and Tapp Road. He said that after committee discussion and with additional information available at the meeting he changed the CAC's original recommendation that supported this TIP request to not supporting this request and was comfortable that this change was in the best interest of the CAC's position on I-69. Other CAC members concurred with Mr. Baker's comments. Discussion continued about the possible repercussions by this action because the TIP is not consistent with the State's TIP (INSTIP). Mr. Baker then reported that the remaining TIP amendment requests passed as recommend by the CAC.

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

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

Mr. Robinson mentioned there is a public presentation on the final recommendations for the South Rogers Street Identity Study on Wednesday, March 8th.

VI. Old Business

A. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Projects Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Mr. Hess provided a detailed overview of the ARRA requests from Monroe County, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Ellettsville. He highlighted changes that have occurred since the last CAC meeting as well as clarified changes that have occurred since the meeting packet was distributed. Mr. Hess explained that staff would like the CAC to prioritize the ARRA requests since the total requests (\$4,069,911.00) exceed the total ARRA funding available



(\$3,057,822.00). Staff is seeking a recommendation from the CAC on which projects should receive ARRA funding. Ms. Ryterband asked if the Heritage Trail was shovel ready and Mr. Hess said BMCMPO staff has concerns regarding the current readiness of this project. There was some discussion about the fiscal aspects of which project to remove. Mr. Baker asked everyone to give their top picks so he could arrive at a motion for a recommendation. He also asked for everyone to give their least preferable project. Discussion ensued with each participant providing their project priorities to the Chair. Mr. Hess and Mr. Robinson answered various questions regarding the ARRA requests during this discussion and also discussed the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation. Mr. Baker suggested the following projects receive ARRA funds (in order of preference): the sidewalk restoration project (City of Bloomington), the Jackson Creek Trail project (City of Bloomington), the traffic signal modification project (City of Bloomington), and the remaining bridge deck overlay and pavement preservation projects (Monroe County, City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville – to be combined as one and funded accordingly with any remaining ARRA funds). Ms. Ryterband made the motion (as suggested by Mr. Baker), and Mrs. Cox-Ash seconded, with no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization Discussion

Mr. Baker suggested that because of time, the CAC table this discussion until the April meeting and that everyone read the material provided by staff in the meeting packet so we all are prepared. There were no concerns with this suggestion. Ms. Ryterband made a motion to extend the meeting past 8:00 PM, Mr. Miller seconded. Discussion ensued about technical questions related to the funding charts provided in the meeting packet. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Hess provided a detailed summary for the Bloomington Transit TIP amendment request for additional operation funding. Ms. Ryterband made a motion to recommend support for the request, and Mrs. Cox-Ash seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ball State Student Study Discussion

Mr. Baker talked about the history of this program. Mr. Hess showcased the internet site where the two CAC projects are posted for Ball State to review and to possibly accept as a future project. Mr. Baker asked that everyone suggest other project ideas to submit to this Ball State program. The one idea he likes is a gateway project for College/Walnut Street around Seminary Square to better integrate the park. Mr. Baker asked staff to confirm if the current projects listed on the Ball State website are still up for consideration or if we need to resubmit them again. He also asked everyone to send him their ideas.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – no suggestions.

Ms. Ryterband announced that there is a public meeting at Binford-Rogers Elementary School next Monday (March 30th) to talk about the bus and parent pull off proposal which she thinks will impact the Safe Routes to School Program.



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IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Policy Committee (special meeting) – April 3, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee – April 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee – April 22, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:20 PM)

*These minutes were approved by the CAC at their regular meeting held on April 22, 2009.
(staff initials: SR 4/22/2009)*