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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 27, 2010
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
McCloskey Room (#135)

Suggested Time:

6:30 PM I. Call to Order

II. Election of Officers (per the Operational Bylaws)
- A. Chair
- B. Vice-Chair

III. Approval of Minutes:
- A. November 18, 2009

III. Communications from the Chair

IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees
- A. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization Discussion

6:45 PM V. Reports from the MPO Staff
- A. Peak Oil Task Force Report - "Redefining Prosperity"
- B. TIP Amendments 1/8/10
- D. Mt. Tabor Rd/Matthews Dr. Bridge #33
- E. The Jobs Bill (ARRA pt. 2)

7:20 PM VI. Old Business
- A. Discussion - Role of CAC on bicycle and pedestrian issues
  - a. TE project identification
  - b. Policy guidance on changing the physical condition and behavioral culture
  - c. Developing techniques to facilitate design processes

VII. New Business

VIII. Communications from Committee Members *(non-agenda items)*
- A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas

IX. Upcoming Meetings
- A. Technical Advisory Committee – February 24, 2010; 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – February 24, 2010; 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – March 12, 2010; 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

8:00 PM Adjournment

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Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Citizens Advisory Committee

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 18, 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 reference.

Attendance

Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members): Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Ted Miller (citizen), Bill Milroy (Old Northeast NA), Buff Brown (citizen), Joanne Henriot (Bryan Park NA), Randy Paul (Citizen), and Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), Michael Malik (Herald Times), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Raymond Hess (BMCMPO staff), and Scott Robinson (BMCMCO staff).

I. Call to Order (~6:30 PM)

II. Approval of Minutes - The minutes from the October 28, 2009 meeting were accepted as presented.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Baker had no reports. Mr. Murray mentioned that there would be a discussion about I-69 on WFHB. He also stated that the Peak Oil Task Force finalized their report. He would like to invite someone from the Task Force to talk about the report since much of it deals with transportation.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees – Ms. Cox-Ash stated that the Project Prioritization Subcommittee ranked the goals and objectives of the Long Range Vision Statement. They will then develop questions meant to capture the intent of the goals. She stated that the Subcommittee is developing the prioritization process for use by the CAC only at this time.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Progress Report for 1st Quarter of 2010 – Mr. Hess presented the Progress Report and highlighted expenditures for the quarter. The MPO is still awaiting for approval of the Unified Planning Work Program amendment by the Indiana Dept. of Transportation (INDOT). Ms. Cox-Ash asked if the funds associated with the UPWP would be affected by the disagreement between the MPO and INDOT over I-69. Mr. Hess replied that it was uncertain.

Ms. Cox-Ash asked if there was a response from INDOT to the Mayor's letter. Mr. Hess indicated that his office had not received any communication on that issue. Mr. Brown asked about the draft Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Mr. Hess stated that staff has reviewed the STIP for consistency with the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects within the Metropolitan Planning Area are not included in the STIP because they are included by reference in the TIP. The draft STIP includes three projects which are not yet identified in the local TIP: 1) SR 45 at Liberty intersection improvement; 2) SR46 Bridge repair over Jack's Defeat Creek in

Ellettsville; and 3) I-69 Section 4 from Crane to SR 37. Once the State finalizes the STIP project list, they will request TIP amendments for these three projects. Discussion ensued about the consistency between the local TIP and the STIP and the potential impact on local projects.

VI. Old Business – There was no Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Discussion – Role of CAC on bicycle and pedestrian issues – Mr. Robinson explained that this discussion was spawned from dissatisfaction over the quality of projects submitted by the local public agencies for Transportation Enhancement funds. The CAC may want to provide guidance on the types of projects that the Committee may look upon favorably. Ms. Cornell stated that the CAC has an opportunity to focus on an area larger than the City and to try and direct policy instead of specific projects. Mr. Brown emphasized how this effort could tie into the project prioritization effort currently underway by the CAC subcommittee. Additionally, the CAC could make general policy statements on where their priorities lie. Ms. Cox-Ash and Mr. Baker also suggested that the CAC could pursue additional demonstration projects with educational institutions, similar to past studies undertaken by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Mr. Baker suggested that the CAC continue to discuss this issue at a future meeting and that creation of a subcommittee may be warranted. Mr. Baker requested that Committee members report to the next meeting with a few broad issues in mind that the CAC can establish as its priorities.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – No topics were suggested. Mr. Hess highlighted two upcoming meetings: ADA Transition Plans on November 19th; and the Winter Open House on December 9th.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. Winter Open House – December 9, 2009 at 12:00pm (McCloskey Room)
B. Policy Committee – January 8, 2010 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)
C. Technical Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (McCloskey Room)
D. Citizens Advisory Committee – January 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~7:55 PM)

These minutes were _____ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on January 27, 2010. (staff initials: 1/27/2010)

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