

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010 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 Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Vice-Chair Laurel Cornell (Prospect Hill NA), Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Sarah Ryterband (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), David Walter (6th & Ritter NA), Natalie Wrubel (League of Women Voters), and John Kehrberg (County citizen).

Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members): Jo Basey (Blue Ridge NA), Barbara Salisbury (SICIL), Jacob Schumacher (citizen), Paul Ash (McDoel Garden NA), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway), Raymond Hess (BMCMPPO staff), and Scott Robinson (BMCMPPO staff).

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

II. Election of Vice Chair – Mr. Hess explained that per the operational bylaws Mr. Murray will now serve as the Chair since Mr. Baker had to resign his position as Chair. Mr. Murray asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Walter motioned to elect Ms. Cornell as Vice-Chair by acclamation. Ms. Ryterband seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes - The January 27, 2010 meeting minutes were accepted.

III. Communications from the Chair – Mr. Murray asked for introductions and reminded everyone to ask staff or others questions if you don't understand an agenda item. Mr. Hess explained the importance of signing in and offered to give an overview of the BMCMPPO before any meeting.

IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees

A. Long Range Vision Statement/Project Prioritization – Mr. Robinson explained a draft is currently being reviewed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee will work next on a scoring and weighting system and should be ready for the CAC to review by March or April.

B. Bicycle and Pedestrian Identification Subcommittee – Ms. Ryterband asked if anyone would like to join. Mr. Paul said he was interested. Mr. Hess said staff would coordinate with them and arrange a future meeting and evaluate tasks. Mr. Brown mentioned that a group is working on a “cyclovia” for May 16th and invited anyone to join in on an organizational meeting on March 1st.

V. Reports from the MPO Staff

A. Progress Report – FY 2010 2nd Quarter – Mr. Hess explained the purpose of the report and outlined key findings found on the tables at the end of the Progress Report. There were no questions.

B. 10th Street Mobility Study (aka North Campus Area Study) – Mr. Hess announced that a public presentation will be held on March 11th, at the Monroe County Library, on the findings of the Study. He will notify BMCMPPO members on the final time and room location once these are finalized. Mr. Murray asked about the status of the Study. Mr. Hess said the public presentation will conclude the Study. Since it is only a feasibility study it does not need to be adopted by the BMCMPPO. Mr. Brown said he hopes it will sit on the shelf. Mr. Murray said implementing it will be the difficult part. Mr. Milroy asked if he could provide additional comments at the March presentation and Mr. Hess explained there were several public input opportunities which are well documented in the Study, but no additional input will be taken.

C. Project Quarterly Reports – Mr. Hess provided an overview of this first report on projects identified in the TIP and hopes that this will be a useful tool in future quarters. Ms. Cornell said she liked the user friendly format. There were no questions.

VI. Old Business

A. Mt. Tabor Rd/Matthews Dr. Bridge #33 – Mr. Hess provided a recap of this project and what transpired at the past Policy Committee and CAC meetings. He then explained how he worked with the proposal that Ms. Cornell submitted and is included in the meeting packet. Mr. Murray asked Mr. Williams to give an overview of the project and the issues. Mr. Williams provided the project details and explained the historic and environmental constraints with this project. He said that regardless of the design there will be an adverse affect on the historic Matthews Mansion and thus the need to investigate finding solutions like those proposed by Ms. Cornell. Mr. Miller, Ms. Cornell, Mr. Baker, and others expressed their gratification to Mr. Williams. Ms. Cornell made a motion that the CAC enthusiastically supports the current design as presented by Mr. Williams (different design than was presented at the January 22nd Policy Committee meeting). Mr. Paul seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Williams said he will need other approvals, but the CAC motion and letter will help. CAC members expressed interest to provide additional assistance on this project.

B. SR 45/46 Bypass Update - Mr. Hess provided a detailed overview of the project status. Discussion ensued on various aspects of the project. Ms. Salisbury expressed concern about the lack of audible pedestrian signals and did not understand the reason for this decision. Mr. Paul agreed and said more needs to be done about educating the community the difference on ADA compliance (minimum standards) and more importantly on accessibility (mobility and functionality). Discussion ensued about what actions the CAC could pursue. Mr. Robinson suggested that staff contact INDOT first and then follow up with the CAC membership. He also suggested that the CAC look at accessibility issues system-wide and not on a case by case basis. Discussion ensued. Mr. Milroy said he is frustrated with the cavalier actions of government agencies that fail to address these requests. Ms. Salisbury said audible signals have been around for many



years and expressed the need to include them in this project. Discussion ensued about policies, memorandums, resolutions, and internal coordination. The following was agreed upon: audible pedestrian signals for the Bypass are very important for safety and accessibility reasons; the CAC Chair will express this message at the March 12th Policy Committee meeting, BMCMPPO staff will immediately contact INDOT to gain more information on the topic and pass this along, and depending on the above items the CAC may take other formal actions (policy, memorandum, resolutions).

VII. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Mr. Hess provided an overview to the TIP amendment requests and staff report. Ms. Ryterband motioned to approve the amendments as detailed by staff for ARRA projects in the FY 2009-2012 TIP and Ms. Cornell seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed. Mr. Ryterband motioned to approve the amendments as detailed by staff for the 2010-2013 TIP and Ms. Cornell seconded the motion. The motion unanimous passed.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update – Mr. Brown provided a presentation on reasons to update the Travel Demand Model and Long Range Transportation Plan. The reasons he cited for an update include language found in the Unified Planning Work Program and to develop a Model and Plan that is sensitive to land use changes, transit, and bicycling. He distributed a new resolution to the Committee calling for the MPO to get started on the on the update. After the presentation the CAC agreed to continue this discussion until the next CAC meeting.

VIII. Communications from Committee Members

A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas – There were no suggestions.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Technical Advisory Committee – March 12, 2010 at 10:00am (McCloskey Room)
- B. Citizens Advisory Committee – March 24, 2010 at 6:30pm (McCloskey Room)
- C. Policy Committee – March 24, 2010 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)

Adjournment (~8:20 PM)

*These minutes were accepted by the CAC at their regular meeting held on March 24, 2010.
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