

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on January 7, 2010

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee on January 7, 2010 at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, 1926 Victoria Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

Those in attendance included:

Amy Davies	Lee County, District 1
Thomas Ruscik	Lee County, District 1
David Maile	Lee County, District 2
John Musser	Lee County, District 2
Al O'Donnell	Lee County, District 3
Rick Anglickis	Lee County, District 5
Phil Boller	City of Cape Coral
David Scott	City of Cape Coral
Chris Berardi	City of Cape Coral
Rick Williams	City of Cape Coral
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Arthur Godar	Member At-Large

Others in attendance included: Carmen Monroy with LeeTran; Ken Heatherington and David Hutchinson with the SWFRPC; Mark Clark with FDOT; and Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Meghan Marion with Lee County MPO.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairman Anglickis.

Ms. Marion announced that there was not a quorum at this time.

Chairman Anglickis stated that the Committee would continue as a Committee of the Whole until more members arrived.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Joint TAC and CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2009 JOINT TAC AND CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. DAVID SCOTT. MOTION CARRIED AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes of the December 3, 2009 CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2009 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BERARDI. MOTION CARRIED AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #11 – Review of the Pubic Involvement Plan Evaluation Report

Ms. Marion stated that this is the yearly evaluation on our Public Involvement Process and would like any additional suggestions on how to improve our process.

No suggestions were given.

Ms. Marion announced that a quorum was present at 3:09 p.m.

MOTION BY MR. GODAR TO APPROVE THE MOTIONS THAT WERE MADE ABOVE REGARDING THE MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. RUSCIK. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 – Amendments to the FY 2009/2010 through FY 2013/2014 Transportation Improvement Program to add FTA Capital and Operating funds for LeeTran and Safe Routes to School funding for Bicycle Equipment and a Safety Education Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2009/2010 THROUGH FY 2013/2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD FTA CAPITAL AND OPERATING FUNDS FOR LEETRAN AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING FOR BICYCLE EQUIPMENT AND A SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MR. GODAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Prioritize the Revised Production Ready Project List for Possible Stimulus Funding

Mr. Don Scott presented this item and stated that this is the production ready stimulus funding list. He stated that the list has been re-prioritized so that the projects that can be under contract in 90 days are moved to the top since this may be one of the new requirements for the stimulus funding.

Mr. Don Scott stated that it is more important to have the projects on the list than to have it prioritized because FDOT is going to start at the top of the list and go down each project and say does it meet all requirements and are there any issues at this time.

Mr. Boller why did the TAC decide to add LeeTran bus shelters.

Mr. Don Scott replied they are being proactive to come up with other projects.

Ms. Monroy stated that we have the opportunity to have these projects ready in 90 days and this is an opportunity to add shelters to the bus stops that currently only have benches. She stated that the design is ready.

Mr. Don Scott stated that there would be a presentation brought to the next meeting on the LeeTran Shelters (coming from the discussion at the TAC meeting).

Mr. O'Donnell stated that the airport connection should be last on the list because at this time it has sufficient access.

MOTION BY MR. O'DONNELL TO MOVE ITEM NUMBER 6 TO NUMBER 59. SECONDED BY MR. RUSCIK.

Ms. Davies stated that it shouldn't be moved to the end because there are a number of projects on this list that still need design plans and cost estimates.

MOTION MAKER AND SECONDER AGREE TO AMEND MOTION TO MOVE ITEM NUMBER 6 TO ITEM NUMBER 32.

Ms. Davies would like to see everything that needs design plans or cost estimates moved down.

Mr. O'Donnell agreed he would like to amend his motion.

MR. O'DONNELL AMENDED THE MOTION TO THE FOLLOWING: MOVE ITEM 27 TO ITEM 12, MOVE ITEM 30 TO ITEM 13, MOVE ITEM 31 TO ITEM 14, AND MOVE ITEM 6 TO ITEM 15. MR. RUSCIK AGREED. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. DAVIES ABSTAINING.

Agenda Item #5 – Recommend MPO Approval of the Negotiated Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Scope, Fee and Contract with RWA

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. BERARDI TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE NEGOTIATED BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN SCOPE, FEE AND CONTRACT WITH RWA. SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. DAVIES ABSTAINING.

Agenda Item #6 – Election of 2010 Officers

MOTION BY MR. DAVID SCOTT TO NOMINATE MR. RICK ANGLICKIS AS THE 2010 CHAIRMAN FOR THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO NOMINATE MS. HEATHER MAZURKIEWCZ AS THE 2010 VICE-CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MR. O'DONNELL.

Mr. David Scott stated that we shouldn't nominate someone that is not in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Davies stated that Ms. Mazurkiewicz brings a lot of knowledge to the table and if there is a conflict she will just abstain.

MOTION BY MR. DAVID SCOTT TO NOMINATE MR. AL O'DONNELL AS THE 2010 VICE-CHAIRMAN. SECONDED BY MR. RUSCIK.

Chairman Anglickis asked Ms. Marion to walk around the room and pass out individual pieces of paper and then go around again and collect them once everyone has placed there nominee on the paper.

Ms. Marion announced that the nominations are a tie.

MOTION BY MR. BERARDI TO TABLE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN NOMINATIONS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING SO THAT MS. MAZURKIEWCZ HAS THE OPTION TO DECLINE THE NOMINATION AS SHE IS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. POHLAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

MOTION BY MS. DAVIES TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFIECIENCY (LEP) PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. WILLIAMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #8 – Approval of the Public Involvement Plan Revisions

MOTION BY MR. GODAR TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN REVISIONS. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – CAC Discussion about Forming of a Subcommittee to Review MPO Staffing

MOTION BY MR. WILLIAMS TO APPROVE FORMING THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW MPO STAFFING WITH MS. MAZURKIEWCZ AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE. SECONDED BY MR. MUSSER.

Mr. Don Scott stated that Ms. Mazurkiewicz and Ms. Johnston stated that they wanted to be part of the subcommittee. He also stated that staff would not be a member of the subcommittee but would be involved with advertising, organizing meetings and taking minutes.

Mr. Heatherington stated that the RPC would be involved as well since the Staff Services Agreement is with the RPC and the MPO employees are actually RPC employees. He stated that he doesn't really understand the purpose or mission of this subcommittee.

Chairman Anglickis replied to look at the staffing and see if there is another way to operate the business in a more efficient manner or are we operating the best way we can. He also stated that he prefers to have the RPC in the room.

Mr. Heatherington replied that the RPC will be there.

Mr. Hutchinson stated that he believes this is beyond the scope of the CAC.

Mr. Boller asked how many people will be on the subcommittee.

Mr. Don Scott stated that these are some of the details that will need to be worked out with Ms. Mazurkiewicz.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he understood this to be that other people in other areas are looking into other structures and should this MPO be doing the same. Not that we should be looking to go somewhere, just that should we look at other options. Not anything specific.

Mr. Hutchinson asked if Ms. Mazurkiewicz is unhappy with the current staff.

Chairman Anglickis replied no.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Don Scott asked for volunteers to sit on this subcommittee.

The following CAC members volunteered: Ms. Mazurkiewicz, Ms. Johnston, Ms. Davies, Mr. O'Donnell, and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Heatherington and Mr. Hutchinson stated that they would also like to sit on this subcommittee.

Chairman Anglickis asked Ms. Marion to send an email to Ms. Mazurkiewz to give her the list of volunteers for the subcommittee.

Agenda Item #10 – Review of the Draft Congestion Management Process

Mr. Don Scott presented this item and stated that Staff would bring back some projects scored with the new criteria as examples.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #12 – LeeTran Report

Ms. Monroy stated that LeeTran would be giving a presentation at the next meeting on the Bus Shelters project that was added to the ARRA Project List.

She stated that they are expecting 4 new hybrid buses that were funded with STP funds.

Agenda Item #13 – FDOT Report

Mr. Clark stated that the funding for the I-75/SR 80 interchange project has been moved from FY 14/15 to FY 10/11.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Topics for next meeting

None.

Agenda Item #19 – Information and Distribution Items

Distributed in agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.