

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on November 5, 2009

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee on November 5, 2009 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
David Maile	Lee County, District 2
Al O'Donnell	Lee County, District 3
Alexander Bower	Lee County, District 4
Heather Mazurkiewicz	Lee County, District 4
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: Steve Myers with LeeTran; Mark Clark with FDOT; David Urich as a concerned citizen; and Don Scott, Ron Gogoi and Meghan Marion with Lee MPO.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Ms. Marion announced that there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes of the July 21, 2009 Joint TAC, CAC and BPCC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. BERARDI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2009 JOINT TAC, CAC AND BPCC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. MAZURKIEWCZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes of the August 6, 2009 CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. WILLIAMS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2009 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOTION BY MR. POHLAND TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. BOWER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Minutes of the October 1, 2009 Joint Lee-Collier CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2009 JOINT LEE-COLLIER CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MS. DAVIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

Mr. Urich gave a brief presentation on his own opinion about a connection between Burnt Store road and Tuckers Grade that would give an immediate connection to I-75. *(Attached are the handouts supplied by Mr. Urich)*

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approval of the Lee County Goods and Freight Study

Mr. Don Scott presented this item and addressed the changes made from the TAC meeting.

Mr. Boller asked how this helps us.

Mr. Don Scott replied it helps us with the funding aspect. It helps to make arguments in getting funding to make additional improvements based on the movement of Freight and Goods.

Ms. Davies stated that it will also be included in the Energy and Conservation Strategy, which this region is getting a number of Stimulus Funds for.

MOTION BY MR. GODAR TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE LEE COUNTY GOODS AND FREIGHT STUDY WITH

THE AMENDED CHANGES MADE BY THE TAC. SECONDED BY MR. MAILE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approve 45 Day Comment Period for the LRTP Public Involvement Plan

MOTION BY MR. WILLIAMS TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE 45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE LRTP PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. BOLLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Mazurkiewicz requested that once the plan has been posted to the MPO website a link will be sent to all the members.

Agenda Item #8 – Review and Approve 45 Day Comment Period for the Revisions to the Public Involvement Plan

MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE 45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. BERARDI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Review and Approve 45 Day Comment Period for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan

MOTION BY MR. DAVID SCOTT TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE 45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP) PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. BOWER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #10 – Approval of the Ranking of the Bicycle/Pedestrian RFP Proposals

Mr. Don Scott presented this item.

Ms. Davies stated that she will be abstaining from this item.

MOTION BY MS. MAZURKIEWCZ TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE RANKING OF THE BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN RFP PROPOSALS. SECONDED BY MR. GODAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. DAVIES ABSTAINED.

Agenda Item #11 – Review and Update of the Federal Stimulus Project List

Mr. Don Scott presented this item and reviewed the changes made at the TAC meeting regarding moving item 22 up to item 7 and moving item 13 up to item 6.

Ms. Davies stated that she would be abstaining from this item.

MOTION BY MR. O'DONNELL TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL STIMULUS PROJECT LIST WITH THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE TAC TO MOVE LINE ITEM 22 UP TO LINE ITEM 7 AND LINE ITEM 13 UP TO LINE ITEM 6 AND WOULD LIKE FUTURE DISCUSSION ON PARTIALLY FUNDED PROJECTS. SECONDED BY MR. POHLAND. MOTION CARRIED WITH MS. DAVIES ABSTAINED.

Agenda Item #12 – Review and Comment on the Updated Strategic Intermodal System 2035 Plan

Mr. Don Scott presented this item and stated that this is a list of SIS projects that will be funded through 2035 based on revenue forecasts.

Mr. O'Donnell asked why the airport connector is such a high priority when it seems to have sufficient access.

Mr. Scott asked for any comments be sent to staff by November 11, 2009 so that they can be incorporated into Staff's recommendation list and then forwarded on to FDOT.

Walk on Item 12A – Review and Approve the 2007 Base Year Zonal Changes for Nineteen Zones in the Cape Coral CRA for the 2035 LRTP Update

Mr. Don Scott stated that there were some zones that were different regarding the City of Cape Coral and the Cape Coral staff would like to go and look at it again as a whole with AIM. He stated that the process would take two weeks and that we would be holding a special meeting on November 19, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. as a joint TAC/CAC meeting.

Agenda Item #13 – Update on the JARC and New Freedom Program and Grant Submittals

Mr. Scott stated that nine applications were submitted for the following agencies: Senior Friendship Centers, Creative Resources Inc., LARC, Hope Community Services, Bluebird Checker, Mount Sinai Baptist, Eden Florida, Good Wheels and Dr. Piper. Mr. Scott continued with the grants funded for each agency and stated that these recommendations would go before the BOCC for final ranking and award.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #14 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #15 – LeeTran Report

None.

Agenda Item #16 – FDOT Report

Mr. Clark stated that FDOT is preparing the Work Program for the Public Hearing at the December 20, 2009 MPO meeting. He also stated that the SR 82 from Ortiz to Lee Blvd. bids came in between \$21 million and \$31 million.

Agenda Item #17 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #18 – Topics for next meeting

Ms. Mazurkiewicz stated that she would like to discuss the attendance records for members that have not been regularly attending meetings.

Chairman Anglickis asked staff to prepare a letter to send to members that are not currently meeting the requirements for membership to see if they are still interested in being an active member or if they would like to resign their position.

Chairman Anglickis also stated that he would like the bylaws to reflect an inactive status.

Agenda Item #19 – Information and Distribution Items

Distributed in agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.