

MINUTES

Citizen Advisory Committee
of the
Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization
Eugene Public Library – Singer Room
100 West 10th - Eugene, Oregon

December 16, 2009
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dave Jacobson, Chair; Wendy Butler-Boyesen, Vice Chair; Edward Winter, Bill Morganti, Richard Beers, Eleanor Mulder, Sarah Strand, Gary Gillespie, Diana Alldredge, Alexandre Lockfeld, members; Rob Handy, MPC liaison *pro tem*; Kathi Wiederhold, Andrea Riner, Paul Thompson, Lane Council of Governments; Mary Archer, Connie Bloom Williams, Lane Transit District; David Reesor, City of Springfield; Wade Hicks, City of Eugene Minutes Recorders; Mary Jo Kannasto, Jennifer Smith, guests

ABSENT: John Anderson, Philip Farrington

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review

Mr. Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked those present to introduce themselves.

2. Comments from the Audience

No public comments were offered.

3. Approve September 16, 2009 Minutes

Mr. Morganti, seconded by Ms. Butler-Boyesen, moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 MPO CAC meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 10:0.

Mr. Jacobson noted changes to the meeting agenda.

Mr. Jacobson notified the meeting participants of new protocols regarding motions and amendments to same raised during CAC meetings.

The CAC members briefly discussed the parliamentary procedures governing the motions and voting process used by the Committee.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen, responding to a question from Mr. Lockfeld, suggested that the CAC's support staff write down each CAC motion as it was raised in order to prevent any misrepresentations or miscommunications. Mr. Jacobson noted no objections to the suggestion and noted that Ms. Riner would write down any motions made during the meeting.

Mr. Gillespie arrived to the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Jacobson noted he had reviewed the CAC bylaws and learned that the chair and vice-chair were specifically allowed to vote on motions raised by the Committee.

4. Election of Officers

_____, seconded by Mr. Winter, moved that the CAC accept the slate of officers (i.e. Dave Jacobson for Chair; Sarah Strand for Vice-Chair) as nominated by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously 10:0.

5. STP-U FY2011-2013 Framework

Ms. Riner noted recent MPC developments regarding the STP-U framework and further noted that a subcommittee of that group comprised of Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy, Christine Lundberg, Mike Eyster and Pete Sorenson had met to discuss the STP-U Framework and review feedback from the CAC regarding the same. Ms. Riner noted that the MPC subcommittee had considered the CAC's desire to maintain funding flexibility and also support for LTD operations.

Mr. Jacobson briefly explained the various acronyms most commonly used by the CAC and support staff for the benefit of the new CAC members.

Ms. Riner clarified that the STP-U funding represented federal transportation funding for urban areas.

Ms. Riner maintained that the MPC subcommittee meeting had allowed the MPC members to engage in frank discussions regarding the best and worst case scenarios for local federal transportation funding. She further commented that the subcommittee's efforts had helped articulate more regional priorities, such as the preservation of existing transportation systems, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and an overall increase in opportunities for alternative transportation strategies.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen commented from Ms. Riner's memorandum that the MPC and the CAC had reached mutually compatible conclusions as a result of their ongoing discussions and that "the two groups together have ended up in about the same place."

Ms. Riner reported from the December 10 MPC meeting that Mr. Sorenson had suggested that the MPC process was so agreeable that it might be manageable for them to meet quarterly rather than monthly.

Mr. Jacobson briefly described the relationship between the MPC and the CAC for the benefit of the new members and guests.

Ms. Riner noted that the MPC's discussions on December 10 had addressed all three categories of the current STP-U funding model.

Mr. Lockfield confirmed that the MPC subcommittee had voted to recommend a variable amount of transit funding in the project development, preservation and modernization (PPM) portion of the STP-U funding breakdown.

Mr. Jacobson noted that the CAC recommendations regarding the STP-U framework had been provided to the MPC as part of Paul Thompson's December 2, 2009 memorandum to the MPC.

Mr. Jacobson, responding to a question from Ms. Strand, noted that the CAC's recommendation to the MPC as discussed during the November 18, 2009 CAC meeting had been to direct additional STP-U funding to LTD as needed.

Mr. Jacobson averred that the MPC had generally understood the substantive intent of the CAC recommendations that had been provided to them.

Mr. Jacobson, responding to a comment from Ms. Riner, explained how the MPC and the CAC developed and utilized the minutes of each group's meetings and further noted that staff had recently been working to make that process run more smoothly.

Mr. Winter confirmed that the CAC would be meeting the third Thursday of each month beginning in January. Ms. Butler-Boyeson commented that the MPC's meeting schedule had not changed.

6. CAC Recruitment

Mr. Jacobson asked for a motion from the CAC regarding re-appointments to the Committee.

Mr. Winter, seconded by Mr. Morganti, moved to recommend to the MPC to appoint Phil Farrington and Dave Jacobson to the CAC for an additional term. The motion passed unanimously, 10:0.

Mr. Jacobson noted that the CAC Recruitment Subcommittee comprised of himself, Ms. Butler-Boyesen, Mr. Morganti, Ms. Aldredge, Mr. Winter, and Mr. Handy had recently met to discuss the applications for CAC membership. He commented that the applications had been evaluated along a matrix that included geographic, interest area, and cultural diversity as key criteria. He noted that the process had resulted in a list of Tier 1 and Tier 2 candidates for new CAC members.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen noted that the CAC anticipated four vacancies on the Committee at various times over the next several years and briefly described the manner in which the applications for new CAC members had been considered.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen stated that copies of the CAC applications had been provided to the CAC members as part of their agenda materials.

Springfield Senior Planner David Reeser asked why the one application from a Springfield resident had not been recommended for appointment on the first tier of candidates.

Paul Thompson joined the meeting at 5.55 p.m.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen, responding to a question from Ms. Riner, noted that the application copies provided to the CAC members had been arranged in alphabetical order.

Ms. Riner briefly reviewed the table listing the CAC applicants which had been included as Attachment 5 to the CAC meeting materials.

The CAC members briefly discussed the various qualifications and interests of the CAC applicants.

Ms. Strand, seconded by Mr. Gillespie, moved to adopt the CAC Recruitment Subcommittee's recommendation.

Mr. Beers noted that the list of applicants primarily included government representatives and asked if applications had been received from anyone who was not affiliated with a government agency.

Mr. Beers believed that the general public had not been adequately represented in the list of CAC applicants.

Mr. Beers, responding to a question from Mr. Jacobson, briefly described the process by which he had been recruited and appointed to serve on the CAC.

Mr. Jacobson responded to Mr. Beers comments and suggested that informed, active citizens, which likely would include some local government representatives, were most likely to be the type of people most interested in serving on a committee such as the CAC.

Ms. Wiederhold, responding to a question from Mr. Gillespie, briefly described various elements of the CAC's previous recruitment processes.

Mr. Gillespie was pleased that the CAC had received as many applications in the current process as in previous recruitments.

Mr. Jacobson believed that the CAC had developed considerably as an advisory body since its inception.

Mr. Jacobson called for a vote on Ms. Strand's previously stated motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9:0 (Mr. Beers abstaining).

Ms. Strand suggested that Mr. Beers and the other CAC members increase their efforts to bring in potential CAC applicants who were not affiliated with government agencies.

Mr. Lockfeld stated that Mr. Beers had made a valid point that the CAC membership is over-represented with white-collar professionals.

Mr. Beers stated he had tried to encourage community members from the Cal Young neighborhood to apply to the CAC but had been unsuccessful in that regard.

Ms. Strand updated the Committee members on the recent meetings of the Beltline Stakeholders Advisory Committee (BSAC) and noted that that group had reviewed various preliminary studies related to the Beltline Highway projects planned for the areas between Goodpasture Island Road and River Road. Ms. Strand further noted that the BSAC had reviewed suggestions to connect the Santa Clara and Greenacres areas in a manner that would promote greater pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation travel.

Mr. Handy thanked Ms. Strand for her efforts as a member of the BSAC and noted from his own communications with that committee that while the engineering and planning process seemed to be going smoothly the various land use issues regarding the Beltline projects had not been adequately explored by community members.

Mr. Jacobson agreed that the connectivity provided for in the Beltline projects would benefit the community.

Mr. Beers commented that several planning elements considered by the BSAC were similar to projects that had been considered in past planning efforts.

Mr. Jacobson encouraged Mr. Beers to attend the BSAC meetings to share his wide range of experience with that group.

Ms. Bloom Williams noted that the BSAC only had two more meetings and another public input process with which to communicate information regarding the Beltline projects to the public.

Ms. Riner, responding to a question from Mr. Jacobson about how the BSAC's efforts might interact with those of the CAC, suggested that the CAC's support staff might augment the information provided by Ms. Strand with an information presentation provided by ODOT representative Savannah Crawford.

Mr. Jacobson called for a break at 6:23 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

7. Draft Title VI Fact Sheet Editing Subcommittee

Ms. Wiederhold noted that a Comment Form Subcommittee had at one time been established by the CAC comprised of Mr. Gillespie, Ms. Butler-Boyesen and Ms. Alldredge. She noted that that subcommittee had worked to develop a comment form that could be used at various public events. She further suggested that the Comment Form Subcommittee become an Editing Subcommittee that could draft and edit a Title VI fact sheet for further public outreach purposes.

Mr. Morganti stated he would be willing to serve on the Editing Subcommittee suggested by Ms. Wiederhold.

Mr. Gillespie indicated he would be willing to serve on the Editing Subcommittee.

Ms. Riner noted that she had used the form generated by the Comment Form Subcommittee and had some ideas about how portions of that form could be revised. Mr. Gillespie suggested that it might be advisable to have the fact sheet reviewed by LCOG or other government staff who were experienced in dealing with the provisions of Title VI. Ms. Butler-Boyesen reported that LCOG staff member Stacy Clauson specialized in various areas of Title VI.

Mr. Handy noted that Title VI also addressed environmental justice issues and how those issues affected various transportation decision making processes.

Ms. Riner noted that LCOG had received a letter from the State Civil Rights Division commending the Central Lane MPO for its Title VI planning efforts.

8. MPO Greenhouse Gas Task Force

Mr. Jacobson noted that he had called attention to the books *Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet* by Mark Lynas and *Under a Green Sky* by Peter Ward at the most recent MPC meeting and expressed that those books had been highly informative on a number of issues related to global warming.

Ms. Riner reported on the Special MPC Meeting held December 3 on the draft Task Force report presented by Eugene City Councilor and GHG Task Force member Alan Zelenka. She noted that a written summary

of the most recent Task Force meeting had not yet been prepared but stated that the Task Force had arrived at a set of preliminary recommendations for the State Legislature.

Ms. Riner stated that the Task Force's recommendations had included a significant focus on state-level GHG emission reduction strategies and had also addressed the emission reduction targets for each MPO. Ms. Riner further commented that funding issues related to the preliminary recommendations had not yet been discussed.

Ms. Riner noted that the Task Force was planning to release a final draft of their recommendations sometime around January 15.

Ms. Riner noted she had discussed the Task Force recommendations with LCOG staff in order to help determine how the GHG emission reduction strategies described therein might be applied locally. She noted that more formal discussion in that regard would be continuing through January of 2010 and would address modeling, data needs, and work on the local GHG inventory.

Ms. Riner noted that summaries of the first three Task Force meetings had been provided in the November CAC meeting materials.

Ms. Riner, responding to questions from Ms. Butler-Boyesen and Mr. Winter, noted that the Task Force recommendations would be formally presented to the State Legislature in January of 2010. She noted that while certain guidelines and aspirational goals were expected to be incorporated into those recommendations, funding provisions for the recommendations and any subsequent mandatory directives still had not been established.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen asked if there was anything preventing the Central Lane MPO on their own initiative incorporating GHG emission reduction strategies into their existing planning efforts. Ms. Riner responded that implementation of specific strategies was likely to occur, but that the Task Force work focused on requiring a specific set of plans, recommendations and funding packages designed to reduce GHG emissions by a predetermined amount.

Mr. Gillespie noted that the standard goal for statewide GHG reductions used to be a 50% overall reduction by 2050 and asked if that standard was still in consideration. Ms. Riner responded that the aspirational goals included in the Task Force recommendations would likely be expressed in reduction levels as compared to 1990 GHG emission levels.

Mr. Handy appreciated Ms. Butler-Boyesen's initiative for considering GHG emission reduction strategies beyond the confines of the State Legislature and further maintained that the Central Lane MPO was significantly ahead of the other MPOs with respect to GHG emission reductions and other global warming strategies.

Mr. Thompson, responding to a question from Mr. Beers, noted that the State's current air quality regulations measured particulates and carbon monoxide. He further noted that carbon dioxide was not a regulated pollutant and as such no official measurements for carbon dioxide levels had been established.

Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Beers briefly discussed how increased tree planting efforts and other strategies might work to reduce atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide.

Ms. Riner briefly discussed how the strategies suggested by the Task Force might intersect with various local transportation systems planning.

Mr. Handy recognized that it had been difficult to establish definitive measurements for statewide GHG emissions and briefly noted how those measurements historically had been reflected in statewide efforts to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Mr. Winter agreed it was important to investigate improved methods for reducing VMTs.

Mr. Winter commented on a recent announcement that the Environmental Protection Agency would now regulate carbon dioxide output.

Ms. Strand asked how the Task Force recommendations might affect any downtown revitalization efforts and related land use policies within the City of Eugene. Ms. Riner averred that the Task Force recommendations were likely to start a variety of land use/transportation conversations in each of the MPOs. She noted that local discussions concerning the state of downtown development might eventually incorporate some elements of greenhouse gas reduction planning.

The CAC members and staff briefly discussed a variety of land use issues and local projects that were likely to be affected by the Task Force recommendations in some way.

Ms. Riner recognized that the various government entities within the Central Lane MPO had already incorporated certain GHG emission reduction practices and that the Task Force recommendations would primarily impact the MPOs.

9. Updates

Mr. Jacobson noted that the CAC recommendations to appoint its new members would go before the MPC at their meeting on January 14 and that the new CAC members would be officially seated at the January CAC meeting.

Mr. Jacobson suggested that the new CAC members as part of their orientation submit written biographical information rather than presenting such information orally during the CAC meetings as had been done previously. Ms. Butler-Boyesen agreed with Mr. Jacobson's suggestions. Mr. Gillespie suggested that both written submissions and oral presentations be used to introduce the new members.

The Committee members briefly discussed the manner in which biographical and "member spotlight" information for new members would be presented.

Mr. Jacobson and Ms. Wiederhold suggested that a combination of the minutes and biographical information submitted by the new members be used as part of the orientation process for new members.

Ms. Wiederhold stated that the orientation process for the four new CAC members would take place just before the next three CAC meetings. She further noted that a meet and greet event to introduce the new members to the MPC would be scheduled for the first part of the February CAC meeting.

The CAC members briefly discussed their expectations and suggestions for the orientation process for the new members as well as their perceptions of the previous CAC orientation activities.

Ms. Wiederhold noted that a CAC field trip would be scheduled for sometime during the spring of 2010. She asked that the CAC members email her their suggestions for the field trip destination.

10. Wrap-Up

Mr. Jacobson asked for closing comments from the Committee members.

Mr. Winter appreciated having more time for discussion at the meeting.

Mr. Beers noted that a tree sale would be taking place at the extension service on February 6 where all trees would be priced between fifty cents and one dollar.

Ms. Wiederhold reminded members that subsequent CAC meetings would take place on the third Thursday of each month beginning in January.

Ms. Butler-Boyesen noted it had been an interesting year.

Ms. Smith thanked the CAC members for a very entertaining meeting and looked forward to serving as a new member of the CAC.

Mr. Reesor looked forward to reading the biographical information on the new CAC members.

Ms. Riner thanked Ms. Butler-Boyesen for her outstanding service as Vice-Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

(Recorded by Wade Hicks)