
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Regular Session

Item C1

Minutes from May 28, 2013 Meeting

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 4:00pm

Community Meeting Room

Grand Island City Hall, 100 E. 1st Street, Grand Island, NE

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Jay Vavricek; Vaughn Minton, Scott Dugan and Julie Hehnke, City Council Members; Bob McFarland and Dan Purdy, County Board Members; Pat O’Neill, Planning Commission Chair; Randy Peters, Nebraska Department of Roads

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Naby, Regional Planning Director; John Collins, Terry Brown and Scott Gripenstroh, Public Works Department; Bob Sivick, City Attorney; Nicki Stoltenberg, Assistant to the City Administrator; Brad Zumwalt, Highway Planning Manager State of Nebraska; Members of the media

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and introductions were made.

Purpose of the MPO and the Policy Board

Naby reminded the Board of the March 2012 US Census report that designated the Grand Island area to be “urbanized.” As a result, it was determined that we needed to form a Metropolitan Planning Organization to coordinate transportation planning. The Grand Island Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GIAMPO) was formed and approved by the Governor in March of 2013.

The Policy Board will be responsible for establishing and setting policy for the GIAMPO. The Board will approve the Public Participation Plan (PPP), the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Metropolitan Planning Area and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Review of the Contract with the State of Nebraska regarding the MPO

Naby reviewed the GIAMPO Designation Agreement.

He made note of the definitions and emphasized the importance of the development of the above mentioned transportation related plans and programs that are a requirement of our designation.

Nabity acknowledged the voting and non-voting members of the Policy Board, as well as outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Board as outlined in the agreement. He also explained the role of the Technical Advisory committee and explained how it differed from the Policy Board.

Mayor Vavricek emphasized the importance of public communication / input and how it will play an important role in the development of these plans and programs. A place on the Grand Island website has also been designed to keep the community informed. It is www.grand-island.com/giampo.

Discuss and Approve the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mayor Vavricek presented a draft of the 2014 UPWP.

Nabity highlighted the members of the Policy Board, as well as the Technical Committee Members (TAC).

He also made mention of the staff support. City staff is currently absorbing the MPO work responsibilities and will do so through 2014. In 2015, it is the hope of the GIAMPO that a Transportation Planning Coordinator will be hired. The Transportation Planning Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the development and manage of transportation activities and other duties necessary to the function of the GIAMPO. A full job description has not been determined at this time.

Nabity outlined the specific Work Elements, responsible parties and deadlines.

Nabity presented the GIAMPO 2014 Budget and Funding chart noting that an additional \$51,000 of planning funds would be available from the State of Nebraska for planning related to Transit within the Planning and should be included in the budget on the 5305 Transit Planning line item.

Motion by Peters to approve the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 2014, with the addition of \$51,000 for Transit Planning, seconded by O'Neill. The motion carried unanimously.

It was also noted that this document can continue to develop as we become more familiar with the specific transportation work elements for the GIAMPO.

Initial Discussion of By Laws

Nabity provided a copy of the Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council By Laws.

A sub-committee consisting of Dugan, Sivick and Nabity will meet prior to the next meeting to draft By Laws for the Policy Board.

Other Items: Discussion Only

Nabity mentioned the NDOR Highway 30 project west to Alda.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Vavricek adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.