
GIAMPO – Policy Board

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Regular Session

Item C1

Minutes from June 25, 2013 Meeting

Staff Contact: Mayor Jay Vavricek

GRAND ISLAND AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GIAMPO)

MINUTES OF POLICY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 25, 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 Bob Niemann, City Council Members; Bob McFarland and Dan Purdy, County Board Members; Pat O'Neill, Planning Commission Chair; Brad Zumwalt, NDOR Highway Planning Mgr. City Council Member Julie Hehnke and Randy Peters, Nebraska Department of Roads were absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chad Nabity, Regional Planning Director; John Collins and Terry Brown, Public Works Department; Bob Sivick, City Attorney; Nicki Stoltenberg, Assistant to the City Administrator; Wes Wahlgren, NDOR District 4 Engineer

Mayor Jay Vavricek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged and introductions were made. Randy Peters designated Brad Zumwalt to represent the NDOR.

Approval of minutes from May 28, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Dugan to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting, with the additional content recognizing City Council Member Bob Niemann was absent. Seconded by O'Neill. The motion was unanimously approved.

Highway and Traffic Safety and MPO Projects

Terry Brown attended a recent Transportation Safety Planning meeting. He presented a document entitled, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" and reminded the group that we need to keep safety in-mind as it relates to transportation project funding.

Performance measures will need to be established for all projects.

Seven Transportation Safety Principles

1. Include a safety expertise on planning committee
2. Define & Include safety in the vision, goals, objectives, etc.
3. Include safety in other transportation goals & objectives (i.e. bicycle, pedestrian, highway, transit safety)
4. Establish safety performance measures

5. Collect & analyze safety data
6. Establish safety as a decision factor
7. Monitor and evaluate safety performance & programs

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

In May, the UPWP was approved. However, the Federal Highway Administration made a few recommendations and a new Budget Summary was presented to the Board.

The amended Budget and Funding is:

Federal Funds:	\$284,095
Local Funds:	\$71,024
Total:	\$355,119

Mayor Vavricek also made note that this budget could be amended throughout the course of our planning process.

Motion by Dugan to amend the UPWP and authorized Nabity to send letter to NDOR to file UPWP with the Federal Highway Administration. Seconded by Zumwalt. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discuss GIAMPO Policy Board Bylaws

Nabity presented a draft of the GIAMPO Bylaws. Several changes were discussed and staff will bring back to the Board at the July meeting for approval.

Report from the MPO Coordination Meeting

John Collins, Terry Brown and Chad Nabity attended a MPO Coordination Meeting. These meetings are held semi-annually and are a good opportunity for MPO peers from across the state to network. In the future, these meetings may also include some training opportunities.

Other Items: Discussion Only

City staff is in the initial stages of developing a job description for a MPO staff person.

The Board also discussed appointing an interim MPO Director, who will serve as the Secretary.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 4:00 pm at City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Vavricek adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.