



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 9, 2016
(Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Mr. Jim Ryan, City of Rockford; Pastor Herbert Johnson, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: IDOT District #2.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., RMAP; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Mr. Jim Keeling, Hinshaw & Culbertson; Nate Iverson, Amy Vanderlayden, Channel #23.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 12:05 PM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:
None.

3. RECOMMENDATION ON COMMENTS FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mayor Chamberlain opened discussion regarding the GLBRR (Great Lakes Basin Railroad) for comments to be provided to the Surface Transportation Board (STB). There have been new proposals to put forth today and the item needs to be voted on to take off the table. Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to take the STB letter off the table and open the matter back up for discussion; Chairman Christiansen requested that the proposal be discussed before voting. All Policy members were in consensus with discussion prior to voting on the issue.

Mr. Dunn provided members the revised comments based on all of their feedback from the last meeting that could be provided to STB. Mr. Dunn stated that there was a consensus among Policy members to relay a letter on behalf of the concept that was originally included in the Long Range Transportation Plan, and without additional information having been provided to RMAP by GLBRR, refrain from supporting a specific route. Mayor Chamberlain suggested that RMAP let all the other districts speak for themselves regarding the GLBRR project.

Policy members reviewed the latest comment version and a brief discussion took place among members. Policy members felt that the current version touches on RMAP's Long Range Transportation Plan regarding the concept and supports Boone County and the City of Belvidere's concerns. There was a consensus among Policy members on the latest version of the GLBRR comments to the STB and consensus was established to move forward with submitting the final version to the STB.

Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to put the GLBRR comments to the STB back on the table; first motion was made by the Winnebago County and the second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carries (6-Aye, 1-Abstain).

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Winnebago County

Chairman Bob Walberg
Boone County

Deputy Director Paul Loete
Illinois Department of Transportation
Region 2

Winnebago County made a motion to approve the latest GLBRR comments and submit to the STB; second motion was made by the City of Loves Park. Motion carries (6-Aye, 1-Abstain).

4. STRATEGIC DISCUSSION:

Mr. Dunn stated this agenda item is to discuss organizational strategic plan moving forward and he wanted to give all the Policy members an opportunity to provide any input they may have.

Mayor Chamberlain stated that it would be a good idea to possibly have a retreat or longer meeting at some point for everyone to bring forward what's on their agenda, their major concerns, they're thoughts about the upcoming work plan and also how RMAP is progressing with the buildout and progression of the Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Dunn provided a brief update on what RMAP has been working on:

- Mr. Bona is working on the Regional Site Selection Qualified Site Website on behalf of Winnebago County, RAEDC and RMAP. Fehr-Graham is involved in setting up a Qualified Sites Program directly with the RAEDC. RMAP is developing a data-driven site selection website for that program. Ms. Belman, Ms. Dokken and Ms. Northcott are working on several grants on behalf of the City of Rockford, Boone County Health Department, and McHenry County Workforce.
- RMAP Planners recently completed the Menomonie Street plan for the City of Belvidere.
- RMAP Planners are working with the City of Loves Park on updating their 2020 Comprehensive Plan.
- Mr. Belle and Ms. Turner have wrapped-up the Bikeshare Feasibility Study for the City of Rockford.
- Mr. Hall finished the RPC book that was provided to the Policy members.
- RMAP staff attended a REMI seminar on June 3, 2016 and have added Mr. Belle and Ms. Turner to the team. Mr. Hren is working on all Transit planning as well as is assisting Mr. Bona on his economic development and data work projects.
- Mr. Diipla is instrumental in RMAP's positive relationship with FHWA and leading our understanding on new performance measures coming out of FHWA.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

City of Loves Park moved that the committee move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

The Village of Machesney Park seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The committee moved into closed session

City of Loves Park moved that the committee move back into Open Session; Winnebago County seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The committee moved back in open session.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, City of Loves Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.