



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 29, 2016

(Winnebago County – 404 Elm Street, Room #303, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mr. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mr. Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: IDOT District #2, RMTD.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Christina Washington, Sydney Turner, Marlana Dokken, Thomas Bona, RMAP; Jay Graham, GrahamSpencer.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:20 PM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:
None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Motion to approve the September 1, 2016 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Winnebago County. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

4. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM UPDATE – RESOLUTION 2016-9:
Mr. Dunn stated that this item has been an ongoing process over the summer and driven by the federal government determination of an appropriate standard that is now being applied to all of our roadway systems. Based on the new standard and average daily traffic count on these roads the federal government made recommendations to either downgrade, upgrade or maintain the functional classification above a local road. This is important because it does impact the potential federal funding for refurbishing and renovating that road. A motion to approve RMAP Resolution 2016-9 was made by Winnebago County, second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

5. FLASHING YELLO ARROW LEFT TURN SIGNALS:
Mr. Dunn stated that at the September 22, 2016 RMAP Technical Committee meeting Mr. Jeremy Carter, City of Rockford Public Works requested that the RMAP Policy Committee consider writing a letter to the Secretary of State encouraging that they work into their driver’s education an understanding of the flashing yellow light traffic signal. Mr. Carter believes that this should be part of driver training so that there’s a larger awareness to this new concept.
There’s a consensus among the Policy members that it’s a good idea to draft the letter to the Secretary of State and asked Mr. Dunn to proceed.

6. GRAHAM SPENCER PRESENTATION:

Mr. Graham stated that he conducted many in-depth interviews with regional elected officials and other community leaders, economic development professionals, RMAP staff and others. Mr. Graham provided a brief summary on the interviews that he conducted and presented preliminary ideas. The Policy members also added the following:

- Region 1st
- Midwest Stateline Action Alliance
- Blueprint Northwest Action Alliance

There was a consensus among Policy members to look at other name suggestions and discuss at future meetings.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Dunn announced the following:

- RMAP/EDDNI staff will be participating in a Staff Retreat on Monday, October 3, 2016.
- Representative Cabello, the Village of Machesney Park and RMAP will be holding an Open House to congratulate Mr. Kevin Marchek on his new position as IDOT District #2 Regional Engineer. On Tuesday, November 1, 2016 from 10:00a-11:30a and held at the Village of Machesney Park Council Chambers.
- The 2016 IDOT Fall Planning Conference is scheduled for October 6-7, 2016 and held in Moline, Illinois. All of the RMAP planners will be attending.

Mayor Chamberlain announced that the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology will be holding the Illinois Digital Summit on October 6-7, 2016 in Springfield, IL.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Winnebago County. Approved unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.