

MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on June 6, 2013

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on June 6, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex/Public Works Building, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL.

Margaret Banyan	Lee County District 1
Carie Call	Lee County District 1
Tony Cardinale	Lee County District 3
Albert O'Donnell	Lee County District 3
Marion Briggs	Lee County District 4
Rick Anglickis	Lee County District 5
Phillip Boller	City of Cape Coral
Steven Hook	City of Cape Coral
David Urich	City of Fort Myers
Edward Tryka	City of Bonita Springs
Daniel Wagner	City of Bonita Springs
John Pohland	Town of Fort Myers Beach

Those also in attendance included: Wayne Gaither with LeeTran; Russ Muller with FDOT; Dawn Huff with Lee County School Board; Don Scott, Meghan Marion, Brian Raimondo and Ron Gogoi of the Lee County MPO.

Chairman Anglickis called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Ms. Marion called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the May 2, 2013 CAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. BOLLER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2, 2013 CAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. HOOK.

MR. URICH REQUESTED A MINOR CHANGE TO THE MINUTES ON PG 3 – IN THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION TO SR 78 WILL COST \$10 MILLION VS. AROUND \$100 MILLION FOR AN INTERCHNAGE AND NOT \$50 MILLION AS STATED IN THE MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #3 – Review and Approval of the FY 2013/2014 through FY 2017/2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. WAGNER TO APPROVE THE FY 2013/2014 THROUGH FY 2017/2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MR. URICH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Approval of TA, Multi-Modal and SRTS Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented this item. He said there are two attachments in the packet.

The first table is about MPO allocated Transportation Alternative (TA) Funds. Safe Route to School (SRTS) projects do not have their own funding this time around and have to compete with bike ped projects. The Abel Canal Pathway and the Winkler Ave Pathway projects are unfunded from last year and are included under the MPO allocated TA funds. Mr. Gogoi also said that staff changed the ranking for the Gator Circle project due to its \$1 million cost. Requested TA funds cannot go over \$600,000. The City of Cape Coral will probably stage the Gator Circle into two separate parts to keep funding below the threshold.

Mr. Gogoi stated that the TMOC and TAC approved these BPCC recommended priorities. He suggested that the CAC address the priorities by table starting with Table 1.

Mr. Anglickis asked if the TMOC and TAC approved the priorities with Gator Circle.

Mr. Gogoi said that it was approved at a lower priority than originally proposed.

Mr. Boller asked if the City of Cape Coral is going to break it up into two projects to break up funding. Mr. Gogoi answered yes.

Mr. Gogoi also pointed out that the SRTS project for Bonita Elementary is incorrect; the actual cost should be \$129,761.

Mr. Pohland said that the \$500,000 Connecticut Street estimate for Town of Fort Myers Beach seems outrageous. Mr. Pohland also said that this is a feature needed by the town as it leads to a tourist archeological dig attraction.

Mr. O'Donnell asked about the confusion of recommending two lists with the same priorities competing for the same money.

Mr. Scott responded that it is all on the first list.

MOTION BY MR. O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE BPCC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TABLE 1 AND TABLE 1A WITH THE CORRECTION FOR BONITA ELEMENTARY COST TO \$129,761. SECONDED BY MR. POHLAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Gogoi offered an explanation for Table 2. He said that all of the projects on this list will obtain funding. The question is which project should be built in the first year and which one in the second year. Mr. Gogoi said the staff proposed to the TAC earlier today that the Six Mile Cypress Blvd project be built in the FY 2016/2017, which corresponds with the county funding timeframe for the Heritage Palm to Winkler Extension segment. It is proposed that Priority #9 - the Six Mile Cypress Blvd project should be switched with Priority #5 – Shared Use Pathway for SR 80.

MOTION BY MS. CALL TO APPROVE TABLE 2 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE – SWAP PRIORITY #9 WITH PRIORITY #5. SECONDED BY MR. TRYKA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – Review and Approval of Federal and State Funded Project Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item. The CAC voted to remove the last priority last month. The BPC and TMO went along with this proposal; The TAC would like to keep the priority on the list.

Mr. Pohland inquired how the San Carlos Trolley Lane Study on Summerlin Rd. to the bridge received a high priority.

Mr. Scott said that it was submitted last year and the PD&E got funded in 15/16 so we are looking to fund the construction phase as soon as possible.

MOTION BY MR. HOOK TO APPROVE FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDED PROJECT PRIORITIES. SECONDED BY MR. O'DONNELL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the Lee and Collier TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. WAGNER TO APPROVE THE LEE AND COLLIER TRIP PRIORITIES. SECONDED BY MS. BRIGGS.

Mr. Boller asked whether the cost of the SR 78 – Burnt Store to Chiquita project is still correct. Mr. Scott responded that this is done already.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Approval of the Lee and Charlotte TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. CARDINALE TO APPROVE LEE AND CHARLOTTE TRIP PRIORITIES. SECONDED BY MR. POHLAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #8 – Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Planning Grant Agreement

Mr. Scott presented this item.

MOTION BY MR. URICH TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED (TD) PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY MS. BANYAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Review of the Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. Mr. Scott asked for comments on this plan. He also went through some of the suggestions and issues provided by the other committees. The process of data analysis and reporting should be addressed so it can become more efficient and consistent.

Mr. Anglickis asked about the date timeframe discrepancy between 2010 and 2013. There have been measures added to improve safety between those years.

Mr. Scott stated that if you look at trends the county is getting better, but the average safety record is still worse than the state or national average.

Mr. Raimondo explained the difference between the long form vs. short form for data collection and how that affects bike ped issues.

Mr. Anglickis asked whether 2011, 2012 or 2013 is common data.

Mr. Scott answered that there have been some problems with 2011 data.

Discussion on the consistency of data continued.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he was shocked that there is nothing about taking any action in the items in this plan.

Mr. Scott responded that the consultant advised that you do not want to mention any specific items.

Mr. O'Donnell said that you have to identify the problem and implement the proper measures to resolve, and there is nothing in the plan that does that.

Ms. Banyan asked about action item #18 on pg. 9. She said that they know already where the problem areas are. Item #18 should be moved up. She said all of this appears as a prioritized list.

Mr. O'Donnell said he would like someone to go out and do something at several intersections to get actual data.

Mr. Pohland said that the Town of Fort Myers Beach did exactly what Mr. O'Donnell is talking about. They put banners in the middle of the road to warn pedestrians to improve pedestrian safety. He said that the signs are working.

Mr. O'Donnell asked what the action is on this bicycle pedestrian safety action plan. .

Mr. Scott said that this is just a draft out for comments.

Mr. O'Donnell proposed to pick 10 worst intersections in the county and have improvements for these intersections within a year.

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the plan itself asks for targeting and implementation of improvements on high risk corridors.

Mr. O'Donnell again emphasized that this is called a pedestrian safety action plan and there is no "action" listed in this plan.

Ms. Call also emphasized the need for implementation instead of seeing the same language all over again.

Ms. Banyan suggested that it would be good to have something to put into action in one year.

Mr. O'Donnell said that if you want to see a dent in the statistics it is important to identify problem areas and have a special program for them.

Mr. Anglickis stated that you can come up with a 1 year, 3 year, 5 year timeframe grouping action items.

Mr. Raimondo said that he thought that the emphasis coming from the consultant was not on engineering but on education and enforcement.

Mr. Scott responded that it was engineering as well.

Ms. Banyan said that she thinks that Item #14 should be moved up 1 year.

Mr. Cardinale asked about the more money that is out there mentioned previously.

Mr. Scott answered that he specifically meant more safety money.

Mr. Cardinale then asked if a plan like this has to have implementation specific items in their cost in order to obtain that money.

Mr. Scott responded that he will come back with the requirements after speaking with FDOT to get that money.

Agenda Item #10 – Review and Recommend Approval of the Traffic Incident Management Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Raimondo presented this item. FDOT is requesting that MPO sign off on this Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Mr. Anglickis inquired about who developed the Open Roads Policy.

Mr. Raimondo responded that it was developed by FDOT, and it is a statewide policy.

Mr. Anglickis said that he read a statement somewhere that they tried to get traffic control within 30 minutes, and this seems like a long period of time for it to be a window

of pressure for having traffic control. He said he doesn't see an area around here where the response time should be more than 15 minutes.

Mr. Raimondo said that FDOT looked at areas in other counties to establish the response time such as areas in Glades or Hendry County.

MOTION BY MR. TRYKA TO APPROVE THE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. SECONDED BY POHLAND. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business

Agenda Item #11 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Urich had some comments. He spoke to the TAC about the proposal of an alternative connection to SR 78.

Mr. Scott said that the TAC said to go ahead and test the alternative as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He said that the TAC had some comments about approved development in the proposed connection area.

Agenda Item #12 – Member Comments and Discussion on Having a CAC Report at the MPO Board Meeting

Ms. Banyan volunteered to do the CAC report at the next MPO Board meeting on June 21st.

Mr. Scott said that representatives from Nashville MPO will be at the June 21st MPO meeting to discuss their award winning Long Range Transportation Plan. In September, the Broward MPO representatives will be at the MPO Board meeting with their own presentation.

Agenda Item #13 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Gaither provided the LeeTran report. Ridership is continuing on an upward trend this year; it is 4.5% above last year. This fiscal year LeeTran has reached a milestone with 4 million trips. Route 60 funding could be eliminated if FGCU pulls out of this partnership. LeeTran is working to establish a meeting with the university in the near future to continue talks about this route.

Ms. Banyan said that she has been asked to sit on the FGCU committee concerning the Route 60 issue.

Agenda Item #14 – FDOT Report

No FDOT report.

Mr. Boller asked about the different speed limits on US 41 in Charlotte (65 mph) and in Lee (down to 55 mph) at the county line. It was recently changed.

Mr. Scott said that he will ask FDOT and get an answer back.

Mr. Scott announced that Carmen Monroy from LeeTran will be the new director for the FDOT Southwest Area Office.

Agenda Item #15 – Announcements

Ms. Marion announced that she will be starting a new position at a local consultant firm.

Mr. Scott said that the TAC voted to cancel the July meeting and asked if the CAC would like to do the same.

The CAC voted to cancel the meeting in July.

Agenda Item #16 – Topics for next meeting

None.

Agenda Item #17 – Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Anglickis said that Heather Mazurkiewicz requested a leave of absence from the CAC.

Mr. Anglickis said that the roster and attendance record is in the agenda packet. He said that there are many empty seats on the committee and asked to spread the word around to fill those seats.

Mr. Wagner asked if the entrance to the airport is on schedule.

Mr. Scott answered yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.