

**MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**May 21, 2009**  
**City Municipal Building, Room 307**  
**3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Mr. Jay Meyer, Chairman, Ms. Jeannine Stallings, Mr. Gene Burchett, Mr. Mike Weiland, Mr. Palmer Trujillo, Tom Mason, Lynn DeVilbiss

**Call Meeting to Order**

Jay Meyer called meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.

**Old Business**

Approval of Minutes from Feb. 19, 2009 Quarterly Meeting: Motioned by Gene and seconded by Jeannine. The minutes were accepted and approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Virginia Sellner asked to resign and Jay will take her place representing the transportation disadvantaged. A new prospective member was introduced – Mike Weiland. He has lived in Cheyenne for 22-23 yrs. He has worked for the National Weather Service for approximately 22 years. He has always been interested in transportation issues and wants to learn more. He also worked on the greenway projects when they first started in the 1990's.

Mr. Trujillo mentioned that Mr. Weiland is presently the president of the Cheyenne Tennis Association, and as such, is a great guy to work with. Mr. Trujillo felt he would be a good addition to the Committee.

A motion was made by Palmer to accept Mr. Weiland to the committee and the action passed unanimously. There was some question as to the length of Mr. Weiland's term due to the fact that he is replacing Ms. Virginia Sellner. It was determined that her term was to be three years and Mr. Weiland agreed to that time period.

**June 9<sup>th</sup> Public Workshop for the Pedestrian Plan/Safe Routes to School Plan  
Kiwanis Community House**

The Alta Planning and Design contract is to be approved by City Council at the next meeting, Tuesday May 26, 2009. They are out of Portland, OR and have been hired to dot the combined plan. The consultants are doing what they can before school lets out this year will continue efforts to get the word out to the PTO's now before next fall regarding the Safe Routes to School Plan. Tom Mason then detailed the upcoming Public Workshop/Charette on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. and asked the group to take flyers and distribute them anywhere they can to help notify the public about the workshop.

Mr. Gene Burchett brought up the fact that when any type of mention or reference is made regarding the “Community House”, it is imperative that the Kiwanis be included at the beginning of that title – the “Kiwanis-Community House”. It was this vital organization that sponsored and built the community center and the Kiwanis should receive that acknowledgment for their good work. Tom Mason agreed and will ensure they are included when MPO makes reference to such.

Continuing with the Ped Plan/Safe Routes to School Charette; Michael Ronkin is a member of the Alta team and will be conducting a portion of Public Workshop. The committee agreed the school district should be involved with this project; Jeannine will call Henry Bailey a member of the School Board as he is her friend. They will be invited to attend and participate in the program.

Tom mentioned that Nancy will be sending out agendas as to time and place for the Charette. This training session will hopefully bring attention to and highlight the importance of all methods of transportation.

### **Discussion of the Transportation Improvement Program and TEAL Projects**

Tom handed out a packet of Transportation Improvement Program projects which is all transportation projects in the Cheyenne urban area within next 5 years. The TIP is a requirement of MPOs by the Federal Government and primarily was for the federally funded projects but includes projects from City, County, WYDOT, Airport Board, and public works that are in the process and where they stand at this point. Tom then discussed the TIP schedule. Some of the bigger City projects are the East Cheyenne Greenway Extension, West Pershing Project, E. Pershing Project, Speer Interchange Project, the Dry Creek Project, the Windmill to Cahill Greenway Extension, and numerous others.

In regards to the West Pershing Project, there will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M., at the Kiwanis Community House which will detail various items such as a three lane street section, parking on one side of street, detached sidewalks, and evaluation of the old trees. Trees will be evaluated as to health and status for removal, if necessary.

Tom spoke about two county projects: the extension of College Drive at I-25 and a 2010 County TEA-L application for Greenway along the new Allison Draw drainage project from College southward.

The Cheyenne Transit Program was discussed. There were three items which came up as a result of ARRA Stimulus Package: CTP will be purchasing three additional buses, an additional bus for Magic City, and \$990 thousand dollars will be allocated to build bus shelters. Some route realignment will happen as a result of the bus pull outs. The example given was bus pull outs on Dell Range in front of Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Target. The bus will no longer wind through the private property parking lots to get to the front door of these big boxes. Jeannine pointed out that shopping cart storage near Dell Range will be a consideration. A fourth line item is the standard budget for the transit program.

Tom mentioned that Jennifer Corso from the GIS Department should be commended for her excellent graphics work and the committee agreed unanimously. The information was well received by the committee and they voted to formally recommend it to the policy committee for approval. The committee will be informed of any additional updates as they occur.

### **MPO 5 – 10 year goals and objectives**

Tom suggested that the subcommittees (Technical and Citizens) meet in a special session for the purpose of brainstorming what the MPO should put on its list of future transportation planning projects for its yearly Work Program. Subcommittees should also consider long term goals for the MPO, but we should wait until Congress passes the next transportation bill. It is an authorization bill for transportation funding for FHWA and FTA every 6 years. Tom detailed the three TEAs: ISTEAs, TEA 21, and SAFETEA-LU. Congress has been coming up with more requirements for the DOTs and MPO each successive bill. Common element of these three bills was transportation efficiency. SAFETEA-LU will end October 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 380 MPOs in country. Larger urban areas are favored by this administration and may change MPO requirements to be a population of 100,000 minimum.

Gene Burchett asked a question about who would plan I180 median enhancements? Tom said it would likely be by the MPO. There has been a low-level plan already done for I180 but needs to be done to a more detailed level. Possible future projects that Mr. Mason spoke of included: S. Greeley Highway (too many accesses) roundabouts on Fox Farm and Walterscheid, Fox Farm and Ave. C, and Logan Avenue between Nationway and Pershing. Jay Meyer also brought up Round Top Road from Horse Creek to Happy Jack Road as being an area of concern. Please share any other ideas that you have for projects with Nancy.

### **Updates of MPO projects**

#### **E. Pershing**

Tom then discussed and showed the East Pershing Corridor Project power-point presentation. He went over in detail the planning process and what is recommended for future growth for the road and the intersections from Dunn to the Pershing/Converse/19<sup>th</sup> intersection. Gene asked for a hard copy. Jay felt that public education on roundabouts was very important the sooner the better.

#### **Missile Drive Charette**

Nothing new

#### **Greenway Planning**

Document and plan set are almost ready Some parts have already been designed and are ready to be built.

#### **Wayfinding Plan Phase II and OPEN HOUSE**

An Open house was held a couple of weeks ago. The consultants are fine tuning the signs and other details. Display boards to be up at the LCPL soon to receive more public input.

**Allison Road**

The next public meeting has not been scheduled yet.

**Transportation Safety Phase II – Seat Belt Summit**

Transportation Safety Phase II Summit for law enforcement about seatbelt usage that was recently held. Since Wyoming is now last in the rankings for seatbelt use, and due to the recent tragic deaths on the interstate, there is now a lot more attention on this subject. Wyoming has moved into first place in non seatbelt use.

**West Pershing/I-25 Randall Interchange/Gate 1 – City/WYDOT/Warren Update**

July 7<sup>th</sup> is the next open house. Contractor that is building the Randall interchange has the hopes of completing the project in one season. Nancy will send a reminder of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Items from the Committee**

None

**Items from Guests**

None

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by Jay Meyer at 4:50 P.M.