

## MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

November 18, 2010  
City Municipal Building, Room 307  
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



**Attendees: CAC:** John Lane, Jeff Fruhwirth, Mike Weiland, and Gene Burchett. **Absent:** Jack Knudson and Jay Meyer. **Staff:** Nancy Olson (secretary)

1. **Call Meeting to Order** Nancy filled in for the Chair and called the meeting to order
2. **Introductions of guests** - no guests in attendance
3. **Approval of August 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes** – Nancy called for approval of previous meeting's minutes and asked for corrections or additions. John Lane called for a motion and Jeff Fruhwirth seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Review term lengths for members** – Nancy explained that the by-laws stated that when the Committee first got members, some would have a two year term and some would be on the committee for three years, so all the terms wouldn't be ending at the same time. Currently the absent members Jack and Jay are the only ones needing their terms to be renewed. Gene, John, Mike and Jeff are not up for renewal.
  - b. **Re-elect Committee members whose terms are expiring** – Mike Weiland motioned that Jay and Jack be renewed for another two years on the Committee. Gene Burchett seconded. Motioned carried.
  - c. **Elect Officers – Chair and Vice-Chair** (This occurred out of order) – Gene Burchett has indicated the desire to run for Chair of the Committee. John Lane nominated Gene for Chair. Jeff seconds the nomination. Motion passes unanimously. John nominates Mike Weiland for vice-chair of committee. No second required. Motion passes.
  - d. **Discussions of By-laws** – bylaw changes were suggested by Nancy because a couple of things were still a little unclear. Committee has the option of considering both of the items, one or none. If the committee considers changing the bylaws, then a vote can be done within one week or at February's meeting. Either vote by email or wait until Feb. meeting. Gene moved that we accept today as notice of the changes.
    - i. **To address more than two absences by a member** – Gene thinks that the current wording is vague. John was concerned that the way the proposed amendment reads, any absence whether excused are not is considered to be a strike against the member. If you are not here, you miss what was specifically talked about at the meeting. The article says that more than two absences will be reviewed by the Policy committee. Decided no changes were required.
    - ii. **To address procedure for amending the Bylaws** - this was proposed to state that the CAC could make an amendment to the Bylaws, not just the MPO staff or Policy Committee. It was agreed that the one sentence should be inserted in Article IV, a. before "Amendment or adoption of these Bylaws is subject...." Nancy will notify the committee of the proposed change and get approval via email.

- e. **Set dates of Meetings for Calendar Year 2011** – Meeting dates were set for February 17, May 19, August 18, and November 17<sup>th</sup> were decided as official meeting dates to be held the third Thursday every three months. Mike W. moved to approve. Jeff seconds. Motion passes.

**5. Planning Updates:**

- a. **On Street Bike Plan and Greenway Plan –Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting and tour** – Mike Weiland is still interested in being on the BAC. Nancy briefly reported on the Bike Meeting and Tour. Consultants, Alta Planning and Design reviewed the intent of the planning project. Discussed the documents to be reviewed. Tour encompassed a good portion of the city. Pershing and Nationway crossings were problematic and the group got the feel of how it is to use Cheyenne’s street network. The only place that it is illegal to ride a bike on the sidewalk is within the Downtown District.
- b. **Steering Committee for the S. Greeley Project** – Nancy suggested that if anyone on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee wanted to be on the Advisory Committee for the South Greeley highway project as a citizen member they were welcome. Gene B. volunteered partly because he drives it several times a day. Landscaped medians would be one thing he’d like to see along the corridor. Deceleration ramps are needed at many areas between Fox Farm to College. Jeff pointed out the multiple driveway entrances are hazardous. Discussion ensued about problems along the corridor and what issues would be addressed. This corridor is mainly in the County.

- 6. **Items from the Committee** – Gene suggested that the members of the committee should try and find an interested person to apply for the MPO CAC.

**7. Tour:**

- a. **W. Lincolnway median as an example of enhancements** – Money from WYDOT went for medians instead of the landscaping on the north side of the new stretch. Gene stated that he had several companies willing to donate trees to put in the south side of Lincolnway, WYDOT has verbally given the okay to plant the trees. Gene needs to talk to Dick Hartman at U.P. to get permission to install the trees from Little America to Westland Road; a stretch of a mile and a quarter. It was asked whose responsibility to bring water to the trees is it? It would be the City’s responsibility to water and maintain them, however the Boys and Girls Club might be the solution to pick up trash and pull weeds May through October and the Kiwanis would pay them. Automatic drip system would have to the irrigation system.  
John stated that the transit bus turnout at Home Depot and a few other locations might be interpreted as a right turn lane and there may be conflicts with busses.  
A discussion occurred about the Southwest Drive signals off of Lincolnway and the confusion they create.  
Chamber of Commerce has a lobbyist in Washington who can find money to redo the median on I-180 to beautify it with landscaping.
- b. **Current corridor plan project sites** - Are they accommodating all modes of transport?
  - i. **S. Greeley Highway** – Section underneath I-80 to Fox Farm will need some pedestrian facility improvements in the near future. The project begins at the southern ramps of I-80 to Fox Farm. WYDOT rebuilt the road and placed

sidewalks from Fox Farm to College Drive in the mid-90s. Most of the driveway accesses were improved and replaced, but there are still too many for the volume of traffic. Around Town and Country Plaza the group stopped to observe the interlocking driveways that are not lined up with one another. Discussion about frontage roads versus shared driveway accesses took place. Mike asked about undergrounding the utilities. Nancy talked about how possible phasing of redevelopment might take place. Safety is the number one consideration of the corridor. The group observed a pedestrian walking along the sidewalk and the number of curb cuts if a person in a wheelchair wanted to use it. South of College Drive consists of a concrete wide drainage channel but no sidewalk. Nancy pointed out the light at Williams was placed for the residents of West Winds to turn left and go north. The auxiliary road network is needed to allow local residents to travel to ¼ mile signalized intersections to safely enter and exit the Highway. Also for local traffic and pedestrians to move around the neighborhood without having to use S. Greeley. Gene pointed out that all the access roads north of Terry Ranch Road should have deceleration lanes. 16, 000 people live in that area.

- ii. **High Plains Interchange** – The new interchange will eventually tie in to S. Greeley Highway at the old Speedway Rd. (now High Plains Rd.), but a conceptual alignment is all that has been planned. With the future connection of High Plains to S. Greeley, more traffic will be experienced on S. Greeley in this area. The interchange was constructed to serve the new Rail Park. Industrial usages and some commercial have been zoned for the Park. Clear Creek Parkway is the new road within the Rail Park. Driving the roundabout was described and the Swan Ranch Rail park purposed land use was discussed.
- iii. **Missile Drive Plan** was discussed with landscaped median and pedestrian enhancements and gateway entrance as we drove by.

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