

**MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee  
11-25-2008**

**Attendees:**

Jeannine Stallings, Gene Burchett, Bruce Henning, Palmer Trujillo, Jay Meyer  
Excused: Virginia Sellner and Ed Uhrig  
Ex Officio: Nancy Olson and Tom Mason

**Approval of the October 2, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes**

Jeannine motioned to accept, Gene Burchett seconded  
Motion carried unanimously

**Approval of CAC Policy and Procedures (Bylaws)**

No discussion  
Gene moved to accept, Jeannine seconded  
Motioned carried unanimously

**Election of officers** Postponed to later in meeting

**Set terms of CAC members**

Two year terms

Jeannine Stallings

Jay Meyer

Palmer Trujillo

Three year terms

Virginia Sellner

Gene Burchett

Bruce Henning

Ed Uhrig

**Set Time and Dates of 2009 Meetings**

Time of day is always 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Quarterly meetings set third Thursday of the meeting month

- February 19, 2009
- May 21, 2009
- August 20, 2009
- November 19, 2009

Palmer moved to accept, Gene seconded  
Motioned carried unanimously

**Pedestrian Fencing on I 180**

Tom reported on the proposed fencing design. Expenses of original design had to be scaled back and a compromise was reached that consists of a ten foot high black-

coated chain-link fence with handrail. Surrounding the black uprights there will be a wrought iron fencing feature. Tom showed a PDF of the fence. Reiner viaduct was the original name of I180

### **East Pershing Corridor proposed street design and cross-sections**

Preferred street design, cross-sections and sidewalk widths were shown. Public open house was held to get feedback from residents and travelers of the corridor. Nancy explained aerial map. Detached sidewalks were desired by the public. The plan shows 8 ft. sidewalks on the north side of Pershing and 6 ft on the south side. Eight foot medians were selected for the western section and tree lawns separating the sidewalk from the curb on the eastern section. Snow storage will be addressed by moving sidewalk back from the curb. There are lots of students walking and bicycling to Carey Jr. High. Intersection realignment was show for Concord and Logan. Public Meeting for this project will be in January 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>. Firm date will be forthcoming

### **Safety Management Plan**

Cheyenne MPO is one of the few MPOs that have done a safety management plan. Most that have done one are quite large MPOs like Houston. The Plan is on the website. Steering committee looked at what the issues were for safety on our streets especially crash data, where, what type of crashes were occurring and the causes of the crash. The MPO held a Safety Summit in Jan. '08 which came up with top areas to focus on and strategies to address them. Short, medium and long term recommendations were formed as well. Three grants were secured from WyDOT to assist with the implementation of the recommendations. Overall goal is to reduce the number of crashes in Cheyenne area. INNOVATIVE PRACTICES award for this plan awarded by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

The Cheyenne City Crash Report is on the MPO website

Pedestrian Specialist did an audit regarding the walkability of Cheyenne. Looked at a poster showing the levels of quality for sidewalks and what make them good and bad.

Pedestrian Plan is an upcoming project. Biggest fight is getting the developers to build the appropriate sidewalks and connections from their project to the public realm.

### **Election of Officers**

Jay Meyer volunteered to be the Chairman of the committee. Gene suggested the Chair will have to spend 5 hours a week on the job. Keep track of members that want to go speak to the public and that the message is an official one of the committee. Move that the nominations be closed by Bruce Henning, seconded by Jeannine. Vote was passed unanimously for Jay to be Chairman.

Vice-Chair nominations - Bruce volunteered. Palmer moved to nominate. Vote passed for Bruce Henning as the Vice Chair.

## Items from Members

Statement was read from Virginia Sellner- "She never noticed the sidewalk widths around the city and if two people could walk side by side until she was a member of this committee. Many places around the city, especially on E. Pershing, and other areas where children are walking have very narrow sidewalks and this is a safety issue. The Bus system is improving but hopefully in the near future the time spent on the bus will be shorter and the routes will not be just one big loop and there will be more locations to transfer between buses."

Palmer Trujillo wanted to call Floyd Esquibel. He noticed that the I180 viaduct has many lights that are not working around the intersection where Destiny Church is located. Also, the pedestrian overpass lights are burned out. This is a high crime area between end of viaduct and I80. Tim McGary in WyDOT district #1 office is responsible for this. Nancy will call him about this. The city is responsible for the lights on Warren and Central.

City Standards for sidewalk width are in the new Road Standards book. These are available in the MPO's office. For principal and minor arterials the minimum standard is a width of 6 ft. Sidewalks on collectors should be a minimum of 5 ft. On a local street with detached sidewalks the minimum standard is 4.5 ft. and attached is 6 ft.

Question from Bruce about 12<sup>th</sup> Street: Why weren't the sidewalks rebuilt to these standards? Commercial properties only are required to rebuild to these standards, not residential. 12<sup>th</sup> St. was built without access control and traffic volumes increased because a lot of subdivisions were added to the east. That was what caused the speeding issue and that is why traffic calming was installed. Not a total reconstruction of the road.

Question from Palmer: On E. Lincolnway where they are building KFC, are sidewalks going to remain like they were? KFC will be building detached on Lincolnway but attached on the side street because of detention pond issues.

Gene reported about the project list that the lobbyists were asked to coordinate with all local entities and prioritize before asking for grants from Washington. Gene wants to add landscaping of W. Lincolnway (Westland Rd to Otto Rd.) and I180 landscaped median to this list.

Bruce asked: How do you make W. Lincolnway look good? Tom M. reported on the project history. MPO started with a landscape plan for W. Lincolnway between Otto and Westland that included trees and bushes between the sidewalk and the street. WyDOT who would build a sidewalk on the north side of the road. The MPO would pay for the extra money required to make a 10 ft. Greenway path. Gene came along and the plan changed to a landscaped lighted median. Dave Ohde, a landscape architect, is designing the median. In 2013 WyDOT will rebuild the road. City must maintain the median and plow it.

The City has a large list of places around the community they would like to do enhancements. The MPO must juggle the needs and wants of the community and prioritize the projects and match them with available funding. Gene is attempting to go after, with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, Federal grants from US Dept. of

Agriculture and other sources of funding. The Kiwanis Club agreed to head a group to search for the extra money above what grants would pay for.

MPO's enhancement priorities:

- W. Lincolnway is top priority for landscaping and beautification
- Speer Interchange enhancements - new interchange on I25 between Terry Ranch and College.
- I180 median landscaping and enhancements (Fence is being done now)

Jay pointed out that because Wyoming is doing well economically, we are likely one of the few MPOs around the nation that can even be having this type of "enhancement" conversation. We must realize that "needs" will likely take priority over "wants".

WYDOT puts in only 3% of project into enhancements. WYDOT needs to change construction plans to include enhancements as long as we (the City) gets the funding of the median in place.

W. Lincolnway is owned by the State and that all of W. Lincolnway needs improvement according to Palmer. CDBG grants for urban renewal are no longer available.

Feds insist that Cheyenne must eliminate duplication and waste by coordination of the projects. Tom is trying to figure out what the *Wranglers* purpose is? Tom must talk with Dale Steenburgen of the Chamber. Dale's objective is a Marketing Package to go after the DOD's nuclear missile command. Cheyenne, WY; Great Falls, MT; and Mindot, ND are being considered for this command post. WyDOT might be concerned that "splinter" groups are going after funding for their pet projects that will take away from the big pot of money that WyDOT is applying for as well. Gene has direction that Cox and Gould will go for the W. Lincolnway median if the priority work is done first. Their opinion has been changed by the perseverance of the MPO and others that improvement at 'Gateways' to Cheyenne are needed. Tom will report back to committee about this.

Bruce suggested having more frequent meetings because most of the group is still in the education process.

Citizen's committee would recommend projects, priorities or specifics on projects to the Technical and Policy Committees. CAC also will guide the development of the plan. Policy Committee is in charge of approving what projects the MPO will work on year by year.

Jay will be in contact with the group about an additional meeting in January and agenda items will be set by the Chair. Old and new business will be included in the agenda.

Meeting Adjourned