

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
City Municipal Building, Room 307, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
February 16, 2017



Committee Attendees: Kathy Muller Ogle, Chair
Mike Sandidge, Vice Chair
Gene Burchett
Michael Pearlman
Gene Palen

Staff: Tom Mason MPO, Director
Sreyoshi Chakraborty MPO, Sr. Planner
Nancy Olson MPO, Planner

○ **Call Meeting to Order**

- Kathy Muller Ogle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

○ **Approval of November 17, 2016 minutes**

- Mr. Burchett made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Palen seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

○ **Presentation and recommended approval of the *Storey/Summit and Van Buren Plan & Official Mapping*.**

- Mrs. Olson presented a PowerPoint presentation. She stated that the consultant firm for the plan was Western Research and Development and gave a summary of previous presentations and approvals. Nancy stated the planned roadways are located in the northeastern area of the city. She gave the background and goals of the project and showed the preferred alignment and conceptals. Ms. Olson discussed the recommendations of the project.
- Comments were made regarding the LIDAR technique. Kathy asked if the consultants took into consideration the roadway having views and amenities for the user. This alignment is north of the ridge line and at a lower elevation. Mr. Pearlman inquired if this development would be a ranchette type density. This would be built to urban standards averaging 6 DU/acre and hooked to city water and sewer.
- Mr. Burchett made a motion to approve and recommend the *Storey/Summit and Van Buren Plan & Official Mapping* to the Policy Committee and Mr. Palen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

○ **Update on MPO Planning Projects**

- **Downtown Strategic Parking Plan:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. Kimley Horn has given the MPO a draft final plan. Has gone through internal review by the MPO and key stakeholders. It is up on website so other stakeholders and others to review and give comments. Ms. Chakraborty

showed a power point presentation to give an overview highlighting the objectives and goals such as to improve public perception and suggest parking management strategies and using parking to continue economic development. She suggested the committee review the Executive Summary first. Sreyoshi then went over the plan section by section. Next step will be to incorporate any feedback and then take to stakeholders and City Governing Body for approval. Once it is approved the city will need to put together an implementation strategy.

- Ms. Muller Ogle asked if the plan addresses the fact that the parking garage downtown has an unsafe image; even if the police chief says it is safe, if the public doesn't feel like it is they won't use it. Sreyoshi said there are two things we could do: get the word out that the public can park for two hours for free and a business on the lower floor would bring more people there and it would feel safer. Also, the police could do patrols through it regularly. Mr. Mason said the police have stepped up their patrols and that cameras and better lighting has been installed. Sreyoshi said one of the appendices has more info about parking structure design and security. Mr. Pearlman also felt that 17th Street and the homeless shelter add to the feeling of insecurity.
- Mr. Pearlman pointed out that parking in the garage during special events create a bottle neck when getting out of garage and it is easier to park on street. DDA needs to help pay for the parking management firm. Communication strategies should be improved for special events such as using variable message signs for parking and the police helping with directing traffic.
- **Converse Plan and Converse/Dell Range Intersection Traffic Safety Plan:** Ms. Olson gave a brief report on this project. She showed a matrix the consultants used to try and narrow down seven alternatives to only a few preferred ones to run more analysis on. Using an aerial with right of way lines drawn, Nancy explained how the three options functioned and impacted the properties adjacent to the intersection. The next public meeting for the Converse Dell Range plan was announced for March 1, 2017, Anderson Elementary, 2204 Plainview Road -5 – 7 PM, presentation at 5:45. Mr. Palen agreed to attend on behalf of the Cheyenne MPO CAC in Ms. Muller Ogles absence.
 - Mr. Burchett asked about turning right with the Modified CFI coming north of Converse.
- **Public Relations and Input Measures:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. Staff is continuing to work with West Edge Collective and they are helping with the MPO Facebook and other social media. Please like us on Facebook. They are getting more public input, which was the goal.
- **Cheyenne Safe Streets Safety Campaign:** Ms. Chakraborty reported and attempted to show the Videos for Roundabout Safety and Bicycle Safety. They can be found at the Safe Streets Cheyenne website. They will be live very soon. Mr. Burchett interjected that the messages to the public should take a positive tone and the statement 'crashes were up' was the wrong approach.
- **Next Projects: Whitney Plan, Reed Ave. Rail Corridor, Sun Valley Greenway:** Mr. Mason reported. AVI was selected to do the Whitney Plan for Whitney from US 30 to the Storey

Extension and the contract will be on Finance agenda next week. The Reed Ave. Rail Corridor is part of the West Edge project and Kimley Horn was selected to do this project. The contract will be going through City Council for approval very soon. Ayres Associates was selected to do the Sun Valley Greenway Plan which will start at the Sun Valley Open Space and go over or under the Union Pacific Railroad to make a connection to Campstool Road and then along Burlington Trail under I-80 and then farther south to HR Ranch Road.

○ **Items from the Committee**

- Mr. Burchett has a meeting tomorrow with Jason Sanchez to discuss the W. Lincolnway landscaping for the service clubs. Mr. Mason mentioned the MPO Facebook will have a blog on the history of the W. Lincolnway landscaping.
- Mr. Pearlman suggested that the City Facebook page share the MPO Facebook posts. He also stated that with the new city admin. may present an opportunity for the MPO CAC to remind the Mayor that many city residents do care about projects that increase the citizens' quality of life and those can drive economic development too.
- Ms. Muller Ogle mentioned that she is interested in environmental issues and that the transportation plans she sees are very good but she'd like to see swales, stormwater recharge and more environmental issues dealt with as a part of the plans. She says that moving people is good but with a more pleasant and beautiful experience would be better. Mr. Pearlman wanted to draft a questionnaire to planning staff to learn more how these issues are dealt with before volunteering to write a letter to the Mayor expressing the importance of Planning Projects addressing environmental issues and recommending ideas that benefit the community. Ms. Chakraborty added that the RFPs for MPO plans can require more recommendations for environmentally sustainable designs.

○ **Other Business**

- Next meeting: May 18th same time and place.
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Olson, secretary