



Multimodal Transportation Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting
July 27, 2016

Attending:

Commission Members: Bruce Emory, Chair, Terri March, Vice-Chair; Philip Lenowitz, Till Dohse, Mary Weber, Billie Lofland, Kim Roney, Rich Lee, and John Ridout.

Commission Members Absent: Dave Nutter and Kristy Carter, Don Kostelec

Council Liaison: Gwen Wisler-absent

Staff Members: Mariate Echeverry, Kelly Whitlock, Elias Mathes, Cathy Ball, Vaidila Satvika, Monica Prysock, Dana Frankel,

Community Members: Sabrah nha Raven, Ken Dierks, Trevon Dunn, Nancy Lohr, Dwain Cosby

Called Meeting To Order: Bruce Emory, Chair, opened the meeting, welcomed new member Billie Lofland and had everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

July 27, 2016 – Agenda: Commission members Till Dohse motioned to approve, and Terri March second-all approved.

June 22, 2016 – Regular Meeting Minutes: Commission members Till Dohse motioned to approve and Kim Roney second-all in favor.

Unfinished Business:

1. Transit RFP process-Elias Mathes reported on the status of the Transit Management Company RFP process. COA staff are coordinating with an independent consulting firm that specializes in financial and management system analysis for large and medium sized transit systems. COA staff are working with the consultants to produce a plan to (1) evaluate the ART management system, (2) research alternative system models, (3) develop a new RFP process, and (4) produce an independent cost estimate that will be used for comparing bids.
2. I-26 update-Bruce Emory- Traffic forecasting process through 2040. Forecast is slightly lower than original plan. This is encouraging as well NCDOT is planning to use a traffic simulation model. Still open issues, but progress is being made to resolve the traffic issue. Next mtg. is Aug 9th, Bicycles and Ped and Greenway projects will be discussed. Special mtg next Tues, August 2nd @ 5:30 pm for Bike/Ped.

New Business:

1. Appoint from MMTC to be on the Oversight Committee for the Greenway Connector Project– Mariate Echeverry- ME requesting members to be on evaluation team-looking for volunteers from MMTC. Approximately two meeting requirement. One meeting will go over proposal and if another meeting is needed it will be mentioned at that time. Oversight committee approximately four times a year. Commission Chair Bruce Emory will talk to Dave Nutter to see if he is interested; he will also send out an email to see who else may be interested and will send a name to ME once this is confirmed.
2. New Greenway Committee Members appointments-Sunny Carr and Marcus Barksdale-a motion was made by Mary Weber and second by John Ridout and all are in favor to appoint these new members. Terri March asked if word was sent to diverse areas regarding positions. Mary Weber confirmed that it was. Members questioned the time of Greenway Committee Meeting and suggested that a poll could go out regarding different meeting times. Cathy Ball communicated about a Diversity Study that is taking place and that will look at diverse populations, etc. to gain insight on people's needs and interests.

General Committee Updates:

1. Transit Committee – moved TC meeting due to need for month-end data so we aren't analyzing 2-month old data, but also to move closer to MMTC partners while not being on a CC Tuesday. Hope that public can attend at least half of the meeting.
2. Greenway Committee – We discussed the bond which includes the East Asheville Greenway and how we can advocate for it. We also had Mike Sule of Asheville on Bikes come to discuss the work they are doing and ways we can collaborate. We also discussed the I-26 project and decided that we should have Ken Putnam attend a future meeting to give us an update on how greenways can be incorporated into it.
3. Bike/Ped Task Force Committee– Terri March will find out exactly where special meeting will be held; Sept 18th 1pm-5pm Open Streets- activities can be viewed online; looking to recruit people for the committee.
4. Planning and Zoning Committee – None
5. Neighborhood Advisory Committee – No applicants from W. Asheville applied to be on committee-issue with getting people with diverse backgrounds to apply.
6. Sustainable Advisory Committee on Energy and Environment (SACEE) -None

Staff Updates

1. List of Projects-ME- Transportation link is difficult to access; highlighted new updates listed on spreadsheet. Tiger funds available now. Three positions opened-should have filled by December; moving now to get them filled.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Streamlining process for MMTC membership
2. Goals listed on back of name cards discussion-BE

Meeting Adjourned: 3:54 pm