

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2016
MINUTES**

Members/Voting Alternates

Robert Baird, City of Bellbrook
Michael Beamish, City of Troy
Dale Berry, Washington Township
Judy Blankenship, City of Huber Heights
Janet Bly, Miami Conservancy District
Steve Boeder, Municipality of Germantown
John Bruns, City of Union
Richard Church, City of Miamisburg
Philip Cox, Monroe Township
Georgene Dawson, DPL Inc.
Christopher Day, Preble County
Mark Donaghy, Greater Dayton RTA
Elmer Dudas, City of Springboro
Andrew Fluegemann, ODOT District 8
Jake Fryman, Municipality of Carlisle
Steve Fullenkamp, City of Riverside
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township
Carol Graff, Beaver Creek Township
Michael Gray, Time Warner Cable
Paul Gruner, Montgomery County Engineer
Arthur Haddad, Troy Chamber of Commerce
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood
Jerome Hirt Sr., Bethel Township
Mary Johnson, Jefferson Township
Matthew Joseph, City of Dayton
Dan Kirkpatrick, City of Fairborn
Tom Koogler, Greene County
Sonny Lewis, City of Franklin
Michael Martin, Dayton Area Board of Realtors
Julia Maxton, South Metro Chamber
John O'Brien, Miami County
Matt Parrill, ODOT District 7
Gerald Peters, Perry Township
Greg Rogers, Miami Township-Mont. Co.
Amy Schrimpf, Dayton Development Coalition
David Seagraves, City of Brookville
Arlene Setzer, City of Vandalia

Mehdi Sharzi, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio
Mike Stevens, City of Clayton
Woodrow Stroud, Greene County Transit
Charles Vaughn, City of Trotwood
William Vogt, City of Piqua
Deborah Wallace, City of Beavercreek
Karen Wintrow, Village of Yellow Springs

Other Alternates/Guests

Eric Baxter, City of Trotwood
Gary Burkholder, City of Brookville
Beth Callahan, Franklin Township
Jayson Gardner, O.R. Colan Assoc.
Richard Henry, LWV
Dan Hoying, LJB
Andy Johns, FHWA
Janell Smith, City of Huber Heights
Patrick Titterington, City of Troy
Fred Vogel, ODOT
Jeff Wallace, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Chad Whilding, City of Beavercreek

Staff Present

Paul Arnold
Ann Burns
Brad Daniel
Tim Gilliland
Tom Harner
Martin Kim
Aaron Lee
Matt Lindsay
Laura Loges
Brian Martin
Ami Parikh
Bob Steinbach
Kathryn Youra Polk
Lynn Zuch

I. INTRODUCTION

Interim Chair Graff called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were made. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Wallace made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON ACTION ITEMS

None

IV. MPO (METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION) ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Amendment to MVRPC's SFY2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Arnold referred to a memo on page 6 of the mailout explaining that numerous modifications to the programming documents for various projects has resulted in the need for a TIP amendment. He referred to the project tables for each county as well as the areawide projects. Mr. Arnold stated that staff as well as TAC does recommend adoption of this TIP amendment, and referred to a resolution on page 25 of the mailout. Mr. Joseph made a motion to recommend adoption. Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of FY2017 Transportation and Government Services Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) Projects.

Mr. Daniel referred to a memo on page 26 of the mailout explaining how MVRPC is working with the Dayton Regional Priority Development and Advocacy Committee (PDAC) to identify projects that may be eligible for funding. He explained that MVRPC is the lead agency for both Transportation and Government Services Projects. Mr. Daniel reviewed five Transportation project applications, requesting \$125 million dollars (Exhibit 2 and 3), and six Government Services project applications, requesting \$7.9 million dollars (Exhibit 5 and 6). The review panel is recommending the five Transportation projects and six Government Services projects for submittal to the Dayton Regional PDAC Committee. MVRPC staff and TAC recommend adoption of the list of categorized projects and the resolution on page 36. Mr. Vogt made a motion to approve. Mr. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A Going Places Implementation Tools Progress Update

Mr. Kim provided an update on the Going Places implementation tools focusing on its newly developed business plan. He explained that the implementation tools were designed to provide more resources that were dynamic and could be used for a variety of situations. He reported that staff looked at each tool in a comprehensive way as part of the business plan development process so that it can be used as a guideline moving forward. He reviewed additional details of the business plan. Mr. Kim explained that each tool was reviewed and detailed into three categories: member services, local initiatives, and regional initiatives. He then provided more details as well as examples of services for each of the categories. Mr. Kim reviewed a matrix of tools by development categories as well as development action steps and timeline. He noted that this is a living document which will continue to be reviewed and adjusted as needed.

Mr. Kim stated that there has been good progress to date, but there is more work to do in the future, and the business plan will provide the guidance needed for this work. Mr. Kim also emphasized that the work requires support and partnership from our members. He encouraged members to contact staff if they are interested in any of these services or partnerships.

Ms. Wintrow agreed there has been great progress with the tools implementation, and asked if there has been any discussion about charging fees for some of the services. Mr. Martin stated that as of now, no fees have been implemented and the services have been on a case by case basis hoping to cut costs for members.

B. Open Space Planning Process Update

Mr. Lindsay provided information about the open space planning process and draft plan. The simplest definition of open space is a location that has some form of formal protection from traditional residential or commercial development. The study covers a seven-county region: the MVRPC counties plus Clark and Warren Counties – a total of almost exactly 2,000,000 acres.

Mr. Lindsay displayed maps showing the current urbanized area and the locations in the open space GIS database. The urbanized area is 17% of the region; open space makes up 8% of the region. Mr. Lindsay pointed out that farmland and forested areas in private hands while “open” “spaces” are not included in this analysis because they do not have formal protection from future development. Using charts and maps Mr. Lindsay illustrated the following facts about open space in our Region:

- The most urbanized counties (Montgomery, Warren and Greene) have the most protected open space; Preble and Darke are the least urbanized counties and have the least protected open space.
- Almost two-thirds of protected open space is in the form of parks, preserves, trails and recreation facilities. Landfills and mineral extraction sites have the next highest acreage.
- In terms of open space acres per capita, Preble County (smallest population) has the most and Montgomery County (largest population) has the least.
- The rate of growth in open space since 1993 is declining in all counties except Clark and Greene.

Mr. Lindsay explained that the open space steering committee helped determine goals for the planning process and the factors used in a GIS-based analysis of high priority locations for future conservation. The resulting map indicates higher priority along the Little Miami and Stillwater Rivers, as well as portions of the Mad, Great Miami Rivers and Twin Creek. He reported that the draft plan is now on the MVRPC web site with a comment period set to run through early March.

Ms. Graff asked if any jurisdictions were surveyed regarding open space planning. Mr. Lindsay stated the questioning remained within the steering committee. Mr. Fullenkamp noted that the City of Riverside is working with the County to identify green space. Mr. Fullenkamp asked what categories contributed to the growth in the last 10 years. Mr. Lindsay explained it varies by county; however, the growth is in step with urbanization, so the pressure to preserve open space also slows. Mr. Hankins asked if there has been an expansion in wetlands. Mr. Lindsay stated there was not a specific category for wetlands, but would be part of a national inventory for wetlands.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Martin announced that the deadline to submit an application for an officer position is Friday, February 12th. At the March meeting, the officers will be elected and the caucus will be conducted to select the Executive Committee.

He referred to his February report announcing that MVRPC will be involved in the 2017 International Trails Symposium May 7-10, which is scheduled in coordination with the Cycling Summit on May 5th at Wright State University. He also reported on the Superstreet designed for Greene US35, shared current grant opportunities and referred to a list of upcoming MVRPC meetings, adding the date of the Annual Spring Dinner on April 14th.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vogt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian O. Martin, AICP
Executive Director

Carol Graff
Interim Chairperson

Date