



Draft Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2014
Cottage Grove City Hall
4:00 p.m.

Commission Members	Agency	Present
Autumn Lehrke, Chair	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Slavik	Dakota County RRA	X
Janice Rettman	Ramsey County RRA	
Linda Higgins	Hennepin County RRA	
Barb Hollenbeck	City of Hastings	X
Jen Peterson, Vice-Chair	City of Cottage Grove	X
Keith Franke	City of St. Paul Park	
Steve Gallagher	City of Newport	X
Jim Keller	Denmark Township	
Cam Gordon	City of Minneapolis	X
Amy Brendmoen	City of St. Paul	

Ex-Officio Members	Agency	
Marc Mogan	Prairie Island Indian Community	X
Jess Greenwood	Goodhue County	

Staff	Agency	Present
Jan Lucke	Washington County RRA	X
Andy Gitzlaff	Washington County RRA	X
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County RRA	X
Joe Morneau	Dakota County RRA	X
Josh Olson	Ramsey County RRA	X

Others	Agency
Katie White	Met Council
Jay Demma	STANTEC
Stuart Krahn	STANTEC
Matt Croaston	Office of Senator Franken
Barb Thoman	Transit for Livable Communities
Linda Stanton	Taxpayer
Sherry Green	Taxpayer
Beverly Moreland	Taxpayer
Ellen Behning	Taxpayer
Bob Tatreau	Citizen
Jim Dorniden	Cottage Grove Citizen

Bob Andrews	Taxpayer
Matt Behning	Concerned Taxpayer
Leon Moe	Cottage Grove Citizen
Joe M.	Taxpayer
Gary Peterson	Langdon Resident
Mark Doree	Concerned Member
Soleim Clarence	Hastings Resident

Additional Attendees

Name:	Agency:
LINDA STANTON	taxpayer
Sherry Green	" "
BEVERLY MORELAND	" "
Ellen Behning	taxpayer
Bob Tatreau	citizen
JIM DORNEDEN	COTTAGE GROVE CITIZEN
MARC MOGAN	PRAIRIE ISLAND INDIAN COMMUNITY
Kate White	Metropolitan Council
Bob Andrews	Taxpayer
Matt Behning	CONCERNED tax payer
Matt Coonan	Office of Sen. Franken
LEON MOE	CG CITIZEN
Joe Tittus	TAX PAYER
Sony Pelton	Langdon Resident
JAY DEMMA	STANTEC
STUART KRAHN	STANTEC
Mark Doree	Concerned member
Barb Thoman	Transit for Livable Communities

The meeting was video recorded and can be viewed online at:
http://swctc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=4726
 Chair Lehrke opened the public hearing at 4:08 p.m.

Agenda Item #1: Introductions

Introductions were made by the Commission Members and staff.

Agenda Item #4: AAU Study Public Hearing

Chair Lehrke stated she will be presiding over the public hearing for the Red Rock Corridor Draft Alternatives Analysis Update. The purpose of the hearing is to invite testimony from members of the public regarding the Draft Final Plan and its recommendations. Chair Lehrke stated the Commission will hear comments from persons present who wish to speak and whether or not verbal comments are provided today, written comments can be submitted to the Commission. The written comment period will close on February 14. Chair Lehrke asked the public to be mindful that comments are public and are available to the public. Written comments will be distributed to Commission members and will also be posted on the Red Rock Corridor website. Chair Lehrke advised that comments made at the public hearing today are being recorded for public access television.

Lyssa Leitner gave a presentation about the Alternatives Analysis Update in a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Lehrke stated she will call each speaker in the order in which their request was received. In an effort to accommodate all requests to speak, speakers were asked to keep their comments to five minutes. Speakers that wish to provide comments beyond the five minutes are able to submit them in writing on forms provided. Chair Lehrke asked each speaker to state their name, residence, and the organization they represent prior to commenting.

Public Comments were received and transcribed in a separate document that will be included as part of the public record for the Alternatives Analysis Study (AAU).

Chair Lehrke asked if anyone else would like to speak and thanked everyone that participated. Chair Lehrke stated the Commission will be accepting written comment until February 14 and will review all comments at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Lehrke called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Election of Officers

Chair Lehrke stated the Commission's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) calls for the election of a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership at the first Commission meeting of the calendar year. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve one year terms. Chair Lehrke stated the Chair presides over all meetings of the Commission and may establish such subcommittees as needed from time to time to perform other duties and functions as may be determined by the Commission. The Vice-Chair performs the duties of the Chair during the absence of the Chair.

Chair Lehrke requested nominations for the Chair. Motion made by Gallagher to nominate Peterson. Motion made by Slavik to nominate Lehrke. Gallagher asked if the election of officers could be tabled until the next meeting in order to have all of the funding partners present. Gitzlaff stated that there is nothing in the bylaws that would

prohibit tabling the election to next meeting. Motion made by Gallagher to table the election of officers until the next meeting in order to have all of the funding partners present. Seconded by Peterson. **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Gordon asked if it is certain the funding partners will be at the next meeting. Gallagher stated they are at a leadership conference and should be at the next meeting. Gordon asked to let them know this decision was postponed for them. Chair Lehrke asked if the Chair position will carry over until the election is held. Gitzlaff stated yes that is correct. Peterson stated Commissioner Rettman and Commissioner Higgins are usually at the meetings.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Items

a. Checks and Claims

b. Minutes of the December 12, 2013 Meeting

Motion made by Peterson to approve the December 12, 2013 meeting minutes and checks and claims. Seconded by Gallagher. **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Financial Management Services Agreement

Gitzlaff discussed the financial management services agreement as presented in the packet.

Commission Member Gallagher left the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #6: 2014 Website Services

Gitzlaff discussed the 2014 website services as presented in the packet. Appevision's contract is through the end of February and can be extended on a month to month basis. Gitzlaff stated staff can start working on putting a framework together to bring to the next meeting for the Commission to take action on releasing the RFP.

No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #8: Legislative Update

a) State

Josh Olson discussed the State Legislative Update as presented in the packet.

b) Federal

Olson discussed the Federal Legislative Update as presented in the packet. A budget deal including \$50 billion was allocated towards federal transportation; it is a decrease from the 2013 levels. Of the \$50 billion, \$2.15 billion was allocated to FTA and that is where this Commission looks to identify funding for projects; this was a decrease of \$100 million from 2013.

Agenda Item #7: Communications Update

Gitzlaff discussed the communication update as presented in the packet. Another e-newsletter was released this week announcing the public hearing at this meeting as well as a link to the webcam at the Newport Transit Station for anyone that wants to track progress. Gitzlaff stated the Green Line is doing a grand opening event on June 4, 2014. This is the regions second light rail line.

Agenda Item #9: Other

- a) Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Gitzlaff stated there is a \$1 million request from Washington County and there is usually a Commissioner representing and testifying and it would be nice to have another testifier at the Capital. If someone would like to be a part of that, let Chair Lehrke or Gitzlaff know.

Gitzlaff stated Chair Lehrke has been the representative for the Red Rock Corridor on the Intercity Passenger Rail Forum and if the Commission wishes to nominate another member at the next meeting, they can. Chair Lehrke stated she was the representative for both Washington County and the Red rock Corridor and is no longer the representative for Washington County and would like to see if another member of the Red Rock Commission would like to serve as a representative.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn

Being there is no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.