



## Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2017

Newport City Hall

4:30 p.m.

Commission Members	Agency	Present
Marion Greene	Hennepin County RRA	X
Janice Rettman	Ramsey County RRA	X
Jim McDonough	Ramsey County RRA	
Karla Bigham	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Slavik	Dakota County RRA	X
La Rae Mills	City of Cottage Grove	X
Myron Bailey	City of Cottage Grove	
John Kummer	Denmark Township	
Mark Vaughn	City of Hastings	X
Cam Gordon	City of Minneapolis	
Tracy Rahm	City of Newport	X
Jane Prince	City of St. Paul	X
Sandi Dingle	City of St. Paul Park	X

Ex-Officio Members	Agency	
Ron Allen	Goodhue County	
Jess Greenwood	Goodhue County	
Judy Mitchell	Canadian Pacific Railway	
Marc Mogan	Prairie Island Indian Community	

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Present</b>
Jan Lucke	Washington County RRA	
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County RRA	
Hally Turner	Washington County RRA	X
Emily Jorgensen	Washington County RRA	
Kevin Roggenbuck	Ramsey County RRA	X
Matt Parent	Dakota County RRA	
Joe Scala	Hennepin County	X

<b>Others</b>	<b>Agency</b>	
Chelsey Hendrickson	Kimley Horn	X

**Agenda Item #1: Introduction**

Chair Bigham called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Introductions were made by commission members, staff, and others present.

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Rahm to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dingle. All were in favor, **Approved**. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Item #3: Consent Items**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mills to approve the check and claims, and the minutes from the January 26, 2017 commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rettman. All were in favor, **Approved**. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Item #4: Implementation Plan Update**

Hally Turner, Washington County staff, announced that all corridor communities had passed a resolutions of support or acknowledgement for the Implementation Plan. Washington County was the last community to act having passed a resolution of support in April. The next agenda item, the Cottage Grove and St. Paul Park small area plans were a recommendation that came from the Implementation Plan that was focused on near term strategies to build ridership. Cottage Grove and St. Paul Park were chosen as the station locations in those two cities were selected later in the Red Rock Corridor planning process and have not received the same amount of planning as the other Red Rock stations. Kimley Horn was selected by Washington County as the consultant for the Small Area Plans project.

Chair Bigham thanked staff for the arranging meetings and getting the resolutions passed. One of the short term recommendations was support for Route 363, which is a proposed local bus service between Cottage Grove to Saint Paul. A bill for financial support for Route 363 was

introduced during the 2017 legislative session, and received an informational hearing. However, it was not included in the transportation bill. Chair Bigham stated that Washington County will re-apply for Regional Solicitation funds in 2018 for the Route 363.

Commissioner Rettman thanked Washington County for waiting for the other corridor communities before passing their resolution of support.

#### **Agenda Item #5: Small Area Plans Overview**

Chelsey Hendrickson, Kimley Horn, gave an overview on the small area plans process. These plans will focus on incremental changes in Cottage Grove and St. Paul Park. This process stemmed from a near term recommendation in the Implementation Plan to work with cities on transit-supportive planning for the proposed station areas. The small area plans have the goals of supporting the comprehensive plan process, supporting the character and vision of the communities, stimulating economic development and redevelopment, improving connections through the communities and identifying transit-supportive strategies to build potential ridership.

The project team is being led by Washington County staff with Kimley-Horn as the lead consultant and Michael Lamb Consulting, Perkins + Will, and Tangible Consulting Services as sub-consultants.

Work began on the small area plans in May 2017. There will be engagement opportunities in the summer and late fall. The project is expected to be wrapped up by the end of 2017 or early 2018. The process will include an existing conditions analysis, market analysis and development scenarios, stakeholder workshops and open houses, and small area visions, plans and implementation. The Red Rock Corridor Commission was invited to participate in the small area planning process through promoting and attending the open houses and also identifying stakeholders to be included in the process.

Commissioner Rettman asked for clarification about what type of sites are being examined for development and redevelopment. Ms. Hendrickson explained that this process looks at near term and long term, which includes vacant and occupied properties while maintaining sensitivity to the public.

Chair Bigham asked if the Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, and Washington County CDA are involved in the process. Ms. Turner confirmed that the cities, the Washington County CDA, and East Metro Strong serve on the project advisory team, which will meet regularly during the study.

Ms. Turner added that staff will be notifying the commission on the upcoming open houses dates.

Chair Bigham stated that the refinery in St. Paul Park and the senior homes in Cottage Grove would be stakeholders for the process.

Commissioner Rettman stated that over advertising the open houses is better than not advertising enough. She also stated that she would like to listen to the feedback in the workshops and open houses to hear what the people have to say.

Commissioner Vaughn stated that an online presence is another way to get input for the project.

Commissioner Bigham asked that commission members share the meetings on their social media.

#### **Agenda Item #6: Joint Powers Agreement Update**

Ms. Turner stated that this task is essential to the 2017 work plan. The current joint powers agreement (JPA) was created in 2004. A lot has changed since that time. Updating the document will help to have an agreement that is reflective of the organization. The commission has approved contracting with Richardson, Richter & Associates to create a new agreement and conduct interviews with the counties. The new agreement will not cut out any of the financial partners.

Chair Bigham stated that with the new JPA there is potential to include the cities as funding partners in the future. Chair Bigham also stated that any funds that are not spent on the not-to-exceed contracts will go back into the Red Rock Corridor reserve fund.

Commissioner Rettman asked if the JPA includes Anoka County. Ms. Turner confirmed it does not.

#### **Agenda Item #7: Legislative Recap**

Washington County Lobbyist John Kaul was not present as the legislature was in special session. Chair Bigham stated that the bills have not yet been sent to the governor for signature. Chair Bigham explained that there was a proposal from suburban legislators to facilitate the dissolution of CTIB. There is now an agreement among the five member counties to dissolve CTIB.

Commissioner Slavik stated that the agreement of language to dissolve CTIB was recently received. All five counties have agreed to the dissolution. It's anticipated that CTIB will pass a resolution to dissolve on May 31, 2017. Then the counties will each need to pass a resolution of support to dissolve. But nothing is certain. Commissioner Slavik is excited to see the counties take control.

Chair Bigham stated that this is relevant to the JPA discussion the Red Rock Corridor Commission is having. The dissolution of CTIB gives the counties more flexibility and local control in how they spend transit dollars. Chair Bigham anticipates there will still be a large amount of collaboration between the counties for future transit lines.

Commissioner Rettman clarified that each county can determine the amount of transportation tax they would like to implement upon the dissolution of CTIB.

Chair Bigham stated that Washington County will be sticking with a quarter of a cent transportation tax for transportation. Chair Bigham reiterated that nothing is final yet.

#### **Agenda Item #8: Communications Update**

Chair Bigham stated that there have been 1,581 website views in the last 30 days. The Facebook page has 354 likes. Star Tribune and South Washington County Bulletin articles were included in the packet.

**Agenda Item #9: Other**

**A. Commissioner Reports**

Chair Bigham stated that Washington County is hoping that Gateway Gold Line will get included in the bonding bill.

Commissioner Slavik stated that one of the bonding proposals does include the Orange Line.

**B. Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be held on August 24, 2017 at 4:30 pm in Newport City Hall.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjourn**

Chair Bigham called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Slavik moved to adjourn. Mayor Dingle seconded. **All in favor.** Motion carried.