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Meeting Minutes - Approved LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, August 21, 2008

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

LRTPC Chair Mark Shahan called the 8-21-08 meeting of the Long Range Transportation Planning Commission to order.

Present: 7 -

Michael A. Basford; Eric W. Sundquist; Melanie Hampton; Mark N. Shahan;
Paul E. Skidmore; Tim Gruber and Robert J. Schaefer

Excused: 4 -

Michael W. Rewey; Kevin L. Hoag; Robbie Webber and Satya V. Rhodes
Conway

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2008 MEETING

Bob Schaefer noted a typo on page 4. With that correction, the Minutes of the 7-17-08 LRTPC meeting were then unanimously approved, on a motion submitted by Ald. Paul Skidmore/Bob Schaefer.

A motion was made by Skidmore, seconded by Schaefer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Commission members allowed one member of the public to speak on agenda item 6 at this time (since he had to leave early). Fred Bartol (Dane Alliance for Rational Transportation) expressed strong support for a central city multi-modal transportation plan (referred to in Resolution ID 11560). He said that there needs to be a coherent planning process to move various transportation initiatives forward. He also said that the movement of goods should be considered (not just movement of people), since the freight rail corridor's future and the operation of delivery vehicles are important to how the isthmus functions.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak in regard to future LRTPC agendas.

4 ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

- ELECTION OF LRTPC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
- RE-AFFIRM LRTPC RULES AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT

Bob Schaefer/Ald. Paul Skidmore nominated Mark Shahan to continue as LRTPC Chairperson. After 3 calls for additional nominations, Ald. Paul Skidmore/Michael Basford moved to close nominations for Chairperson and unanimously elect Mark Shahan. That motion passed unanimously.

Ald. Paul Skidmore/Michael Basford nominated Sup. Melanie Hampton to serve as LRTPC Vice Chairperson. After 3 calls for additional nominations, Ald. Paul Skidmore/Eric Sundquist moved to close nominations for Chairperson and unanimously elect Sup. Melanie Hampton. That motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the LRTPC Rules and Procedures document, Mark Shahan pointed out some inaccuracies about meeting start times and asked that those be changed. He also said that future mailing of materials (hard copies) may be modified, in order to save paper as part of the Mayor's "Natural Step" initiative. The Commission then voted unanimously to approve the Rules and Procedures document (as amended), on a motion submitted by Sup. Melanie Hampton/Michael Basford.

5 OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED MERITER WEST CAMPUS MASTER PLAN (MELISSA HUGGINS, MERITER HEALTH SERVICES)

Brian Munson (Vandewalle and Associates) summarized the key issues and considerations regarding a potential Meriter West development on the City's southwest side.

Munson pointed out that transportation is a critical issue for the area, and also the specific site and its future functionality. He summarized a number of alternative traffic circulation options, all which have various pros and cons associated with them. He said that, at this time, Meriter supports the extension of Raymond Road and would like two access points. Munson said that Meriter will submit a formal proposal after getting feedback on preliminary ideas (such as from LRTPC and agency staff).

A member of the public, Gary Werner, wished to speak for a few minutes. He said that he has been an advocate for the Ice Age Trail for many years. He also expressed concerns with traffic in the area, but said that some of the options being shown appear to be workable. Werner supports a major greenway in the area and hoped to keep major commercial development away from that. Finally, he recommended that Raymond Road not be connected diagonally (as shown on some of the options).

Bob Schaefer asked Werner if the Meriter office proposal was considered "commercial" in his view. Gary Werner said that he was referring to additional commercial development in the area, possibly abutting CTH PD.

Ald. Tim Gruber said that Stratton Way should be connected, as it is important for circulation. He urged the City to keep the right-of-way for that. Mark Shahan said that traffic generation figures would be needed before detailed comments can be provided. Michael Basford also suggested getting an idea of the amount of emergency vehicle trips being generated as well. Brian Munson pointed out that Madison Metro is testing some different options for delivering transit service to this area.

Ald. Paul Skidmore said that he served on the Parks Commission at the time

some of this area was being planned. he shared his perspectives on how the area has changed over the years. He agreed that there are serious regional traffic implications to how this area develops. He also stressed the importance of having Parks officials involved in the process, and noted that numerous jurisdictions are affected.

Mark Shahan said that good bicycle and pedestrian connections to the Ice Age Trail need to be planned for. He also said that connectivity to Stratton Way needs to be addressed, noting that the UW Research Park is isolated in many ways because of a lack of such connections. Shahan felt that a full roadway could be accommodated at Stratton Way, but that traffic calming needed to be part of the design.

David Dryer expressed concerns about Jeffy Trail, and the possibility of that street being used as a cut-through route. Ald. Tim Gruber said that opportunities for walking trails, for use by neighborhood residents, should be explored.

Brian Munson said that the intent this evening was to show LRTPC some alternatives and discuss the complexity of issues challenging this area. He said that a neighborhood meeting would be planned for September or October, and that City staff would be providing feedback as well. He said that he would return to LRTPC at some future date, when proposals are more fleshed out. The Commission thanked Mr. Munson for attending. David Trowbridge said that he would mail hard copies of the alternative maps, so that Commissioners could review the transportation issues over the next several weeks.

6 [11560](#)

Creating and implementing a comprehensive, multi-modal transportation and parking design for central Madison.

This Resolution was Refer to the LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

Brad Murphy (Planning Division Director) noted that the resolution calls for a major study but does not allocate resources to adequately fund it. He added that staff has some concerns about the need for this effort, given other priorities within the Planning Division.

Ald. Paul Skidmore said that two of the resolutions sponsors (Ald. Robbie Webber and Ald. Satya Rhodes-Conway) were not present. He said that further discussion of the issue should take place when they could explain their objectives for the resolution and be available to answer questions from Commissioners.

The Commission then voted unanimously to refer Resolution ID 11560 to a future meeting, on a motion submitted by Ald. Paul Skidmore/Ald. Tim Gruber.

7 [08484](#)

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIR AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Note: No Discussion of Specific Items

There were no announcements or information submitted by the Chair or Commission members.

8 [08486](#) **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

David Trowbridge noted that the September 18th meeting (5:00 p.m., Room LL-110 MMB) would include a discussion of air quality issues, and how the development approval process could include air quality considerations.

9 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:20 p.m.