



Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

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, Chair	Washington County RRA	X
Mike Slavik	Dakota County RRA	X
Jen Peterson, Vice-Chair	City of Cottage Grove	X
Myron Bailey	City of Cottage Grove	
John Kummer	Denmark Township	
Mark Vaughan	City of Hastings	X
Cam Gordon	City of Minneapolis	
Tracy Rahm	City of Newport	X
Bill Finney	City of St. Paul	
Keith Franke	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	

Staff	Agency	Present
Jan Lucke	Washington County RRA	
Lyssa Leitner	Washington County RRA	X
Kevin Roggenbuck	Ramsey County RRA	X
Matt Parent	Dakota County	X
Hally Turner	Washington County	X
Laura Kearns	Washington County	X
Joe Scala	Hennepin County	X
Ray Hoover	Hennepin County	

Others	Agency
Brian Smalkoski	Kimley-Horn
William Reynolds	Kimley-Horn
Katie White	Met Council

Betsy Leach	District 1 – Community Council to St. Paul
Lynne Bly	MnDOT

Agenda Item #1: Introductions

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

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Rahm to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slavik. All in favor, **Approved**. The motion carried.

Commissioner Greene arrived at 4:33PM.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Items

A motion was made by Councilmember Peterson to approve the check and claims and the meeting minutes from the October 22, 2015 Commission Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughn. All in favor, **Approved**. The motion carried.

Agenda Item # 4: Implementation Plan Update

Brian Smalkoski and William Reynolds with Kimley-Horn gave a presentation on the research that has been completed to date on the implementation plan. Kimley Horn asked for approval from the commission for a draft recommendation on an alignment for the public comment.

Councilmember Vaughn suggested not naming the stations in Hastings at this time. Only use Station 1, Station 2, Station 3 etc. as people tend to only focus on the location of the stop as opposed to the concept of multiple stations in Hastings.

Councilmember Rahm said people are looking at how much time it takes them to drive to their destination vs. how long it takes on the corridor.

A motion was made by Councilmember Peterson to approve Alternative 2 as the draft recommendation for public comment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rahm. All in favor, **Approved**. The motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: Draft 2016 Work Plan and Budget

Ms. Leitner went through the implementation plan contract extension as well as the proposed 2016 work plan and budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Slavik to approve the 2016 Budget and Work Plan, Communications Contract Extension, and Implementation Plan Contract Extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greene. All in favor, **Approved**. The motion carried.

Agenda Item #6: Website and Social Media Update

There have been 2370 website views in the past 30 days. The Facebook page is now up to 302 likes.

Agenda Item #7: 2016 Red Rock Corridor Commission Meeting Schedule

A list of meeting dates for 2016 was provided in the packet. The meetings are scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30PM at the Newport City Hall.

The November meeting does fall on Thanksgiving and will need to be rescheduled. This will be brought before the commission at a later date.

Commissioner Slavik recommended combining the November and December meetings into one meeting due to the holidays.

Commissioner Greene exited at 5:51PM.

Agenda Item #8 Other

Commissioner Bigham wanted to thank staff and the Kimley Horn team for all of their efforts on the corridor.

Councilmembers Peterson and Vaughn attended Senate Bonding Committee presentation at Rasmussen College in Lake Elmo. It was very well attended.

Commissioner Rettman said the High Speed Rail Commission is currently working with several partners on getting a second train in place for Amtrak.

Mr. Roggenbuck said in November the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority voted to contribute \$300,000 towards the second Amtrak study. The State of Wisconsin has also contributed \$300,000. MnDOT has not contributed funds for this project.

Agenda Item #9: Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilmember Vaughn to adjourn. Commissioner Slavik seconded. All in favor, **Approved**. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM.