

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 12:30 p.m., Rm. 113, First Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jon Carlson, Gene Carroll, Dick Esseks, Roger Larson, Melinda Pearson, Mary Strand, Lynn Sunderman and Tommy Taylor; Gerry Krieser absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marvin Krout, Kent Morgan, Mike DeKalb, Brian Will, David Cary, Sara Hartzell and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department; Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Mike Brienzo and Dennis Bartels of Public Works & Utilities.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: **Update on Comp Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan (CP/LRTP)**

Randy Hoskins began by stating that they are developing a new transportation model. They are in the process of analyzing the 2004 traffic data with the model. Once they get the model to a sufficient accuracy, then they will run the 2030 land use data that was approved by the Planning Commission. They are expecting the final results from the initial efforts of the modeling this Friday. They will then begin the approval process through the Technical Committee and brief the Planning Commission.

They also have several CP/LRTP Open Houses in December for the public to attend. They are seeking input on what the public wants the 2030 transportation plan to include. To help accomplish this, they are asking the attendees of the Open Houses to identify sites of concern and the reason for their concern. They will compile that information and present it to the Commission members at a future meeting.

Esseks asked if the neighborhood associations were contacted about the Open Houses. Hoskins stated that approximately 1000 postcards were sent out notifying the public about the Open Houses. Included in this list were the contacts for the neighborhood associations. In addition, an ad was placed in the Neighborhood Extra and on the local access channels.

The final step of the public exercise at the Open Houses is to get public input on how we should pay for these projects.

Cary added that we are providing translations of the handouts in Arabic, Spanish and Vietnamese. He also stated that a Request for Proposals has been sent out to retain the services of a consultant for the transit study with StarTran. They intend on having a

consultant on board by the first quarter of next year. Cary noted that the meeting materials and information for the CP/LRTP update are the Planning Department web page.

DeKalb noted that there will be an additional Open House with the focus on rural issues. It is on December 20th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in Room 113 of the County/City Building.

Esseks asked about the past benefits of open houses. Morgan stated that the purposes of open houses are to help educate the public on what the plan says today as well as to gain information about what issues are important to them and what they would like to see happen. Figard reiterated that it is important to educate the public and to engage them so their thoughts go into the final product.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

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