

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
June 14, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Log Cabin Literary Center



COMPASS
COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION
of Southwest Idaho

****MINUTES****

ATTENDEES: Brian Ballard, *Co-Chair*
Ester Ceja
Richard Cook
Sunny Freeman-Genz
Julia Kertz Grant
Linda Gossett
Robert Miller
Gary Segers
Deanna Smith
Brian Tandrow
Todd Wilder
Rachel Winer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nan Ballein
John Dullmeyer
Miguel Gaddi
Thad Hoffman
Pat Johnson, *Co-Chair*
Eric McLaughlin
Larry Rincover
Jessica Shine
Mike Silva

OTHERS PRESENT: Terri Schorzman, COMPASS
Diane Wilton, COMPASS
Jay Witt, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER:

Co-Chair Brian Ballard called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announce/report on community events and activities.

Terri Schorzman asked the committee if they were aware of any community events coming up this summer, but none were mentioned. *Co-Chair* Brian Ballard stated that this item would appear on the future agendas.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve April 12, 2006 Public Participation Committee Meeting Minutes.

Robert Miller moved and Linda Gossett seconded the motion to approve the April 12, 2006 PPC Meeting Minutes as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEM

None.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation on Transportation Modeling.

Jay Witt provided an overview of the 4-Step Travel Demand Model, how the data is collected and analyzed, and answered numerous questions from the PPC members. Jay Witt stated that the model is also capable of performing different scenarios as needed.

B. Committee Reports

Robert Miller provided an overview of the latest TMAC meeting; particularly the mode choice addition to the CIM model.

As a result of Larry Rincover's and Jessica Shine's absences, there were no reports for the DAC and RTAC committees.

C. **Communities in Motion** – "Communities in Conversation"

Terri Schorzman thanked the committee members for their participation in "Communities in Conversation," and distributed the draft **Communities in Motion** public comment summary to the committee members. Terri stated that she will be presenting the **Communities in Motion** summary to the COMPASS Board on Monday, June 19, 2006 for adoption. Terri discussed the summary and stated that according to the hosts, the timeframe was too short. However, the overall assessment was positive. Terri also stated that because of the quality and amount of input from the general public, COMPASS is asking for an extension on the adoption of the plan for up to two months to give the planners time to evaluate the public's input. Terri stated that after the Board meeting, a news release will be issued to the media and an email to the participants explaining the results, and project status.

Julia Grant suggested that the **Idaho Statesman** write a comprehensive article regarding the Long Range Transportation Plan, as well as a follow-up to the "Communities in Conversation" project. Brian Ballard asked the committee to come up with ideas to get the media more involved in our committee. Terri Schorzman stated that **Boise Weekly** wrote a negative article regarding Valley Regional Transit and Brian Ballard asked Terri to supply the committee members with a copy of the article.

D. Ongoing public education/outreach brainstorming

Rob Miller stated the importance of keeping the "Communities in Conversation" participants informed of the results, how to get more public participation from citizens, and how to make sure that all citizens are involved from Ada and Canyon counties. Ester Ceja stated that we cannot simply rely on internet access because it's not available to everyone. At the next meeting, one hour will be dedicated to Rob and Ester to head up a discussion on how best to engage the public with our mission and role, response and direction. Rob and Ester will supply a list of questions to Terri who will email them to the members for discussion at the next meeting.

E. Upcoming COMPASS public involvement

Terri stated that a public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is scheduled from July 6, 2006 through August 3, 2006, and a day long open house will be held at COMPASS, July 19, 2006 from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. A brochure was reviewed and committee members offered various suggestions on how the brochure could be improved.

Terri stated that the COMPASS public policy needs to be amended by the end of June 2006 and asked the members to contact her if they would be interested in amending the policy.

OTHER

Suggestions for other PPC education sessions

Julia Grant suggested having ACHD and Canyon County Highway Districts come to a meeting and discuss how planned communities interface with ***Communities in Motion***. In addition, Linda Gossett would like to have Kelli Fairless from Valley Regional Transit give a presentation at the next meeting.

Resignation of committee members

Brian Ballard announced that Hope Ryan, Jack Rucker, John Julian, Dave Crawforth, and Mike Silva have resigned from the PPC.

Possible Sales Tax for Transit Use

Brian Ballard provided information on a possible local option tax proposal that he and Steve Purvis, from the City of Boise, will be submitting for consideration to the Legislature next year. The proposal would authorize the local regional transportation authority to extract a local option tax which would be in the form of a .75% sales tax to use for transit funding only.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin Literary Center, Boise.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.