

The Public Participation Committee will encourage community involvement in Transportation planning issues in the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 11, 2008

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877 Main Street, Suite 1000

Boise, Idaho

****Meeting Summary****

ATTENDEES:

Brian Ballard, Co-Chair
William Boehm
Ester Ceja
Sunny Freeman-Genz
Linda Gossett
Joyce Griffith
Chris Hendrickson
Samia Islam
Joe Kunz
Kenn Lamson
Scott Lowe
Jeff Madsen
Gary Segers
Deanna Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Miguel Gaddi
Julia Kertz Grant
Thad Hoffman
Pat Johnson, Co-Chair
Ross Mason
Marilyn Whitney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rosemary Curtin, RBCI
Marilyn Sampson, COMPASS
Terri Schorzman, COMPASS

CALL TO ORDER:

Terri Schorzman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Introductions were made.

Brian Ballard gave a brief background of the Public Participation Committee (PPC) noting that COMPASS is a think tank of people with divergent backgrounds and interests. Brian said PPC is not an advocacy group and does not take positions; the discussions are friendly and amicable.

Terri Schorzman said PPC is also often the first cut on ideas about how to approach the public, and how to best do that. PPC is a broad range of people and is sometimes used as a focus group. PPC members are also ambassadors at events; they help at sign-up tables, walk people through exhibits and are an extension of what COMPASS does.



I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

None.

II. OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deanna Smith said Idaho Smart Growth just finished a three year report "*The Consequences of Residential Infill Development on Existing Neighborhoods in the Treasure Valley*". Deanna brought two copies and said more are available.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Gary Segers moved that the Minutes of April 9, 2008 be approved, Linda Gossett seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Committee Reports

Brian Ballard said that PPC members are invited to represent the PPC on COMPASS' committees and report back to the PPC.

Demographic Advisory Committee (DAC)

Deanna Smith represented PPC at the May 1, 2008 DAC meeting. She gave a brief update on the meeting stating modeling and providing better modeling for the community; the Regional Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) and its role; and the High Capacity Intersection Study were discussed.

Gary Segers asked what the status of COMPASS merging with Valley Regional Transit and forming a regional transportation authority. Terri Schorzman reported that the Boards of VRT and COMPASS are considering the merge and have requested more information.

B. New Committee Members

Introductions and backgrounds were given at the beginning of the meeting.

C. Public Involvement Efforts

Communities in Motion - Facilitated discussion on public involvement needs for plan update.

Rosemary Curtin, gave a background of the role of the PPC during the development of *Communities In Motion* Long Range Plan 2030 (CIM) and its role in the upcoming update. Terri Schorzman reviewed COMPASS' public involvement meetings. Rosemary asked the committee members if they had attended public meetings, made comments and their opinion of the value of their input. Comments included: the meeting is usually more of a presentation than a request for input; there are no consequences for choices or lack of ethics, and the meetings don't address all of the issues. Rosemary said the Committee will be working on a process to educate the public and asked for ideas which included: smaller neighborhood meetings with input and dialogue, figure out packaging and communication, note that Committee desires may not be realized, have a bi-directional interface with the community, change the way people think about tax dollars as an investment to get things they want, tie in Bronco football(!), talk to people about what they care about, let the community evaluate CIM, use the workshop format of Putting Communities in Motion into Action.

V. OTHER

The next meeting is August 13, 2008.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.