



**Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho
Board of Directors Meeting
January 24, 2005
Ada County Courthouse
Boise, Idaho**

*****REVISED MINUTES*****

ATTENDEES:

Matt Beebe, Commissioner, Canyon County
David Bieter, Mayor, City of Boise
Keith Bird, Councilman, City of Meridian
Vernon Bisterfeldt, Councilman, City of Boise
Dave Bivens, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District
Elaine Clegg, Councilwoman, City of Boise
Tom Dale, Mayor, City of Nampa, **Vice-Chair**
Tammy de Weerd, Mayor, City of Meridian, **Chair-Elect**
Ted Ellis, Mayor, Garden City
Kelli Fairless, Valley Regional Transit
Bob Flowers, Mayor, City of Parma, **Chair**
John Franden, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District,
Secretary/Treasurer
Kathy Holley, Central District Health, Ex Officio
Phil Kushlan, Capital City Development Corporation
Mike McGown, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Carol McKee, Commissioner, for Sherry Huber, Commissioner, Ada
County Highway District
Frank McKeever, Mayor, City of Middleton
Nancy Merrill, Mayor, City of Eagle
Bryce Millar, Commissioner, Nampa Highway District #1
Garret Nancolas, Mayor, City of Caldwell
Dean O Bray, Mayor, City of Kuna
Judy Peavey-Derr, Commissioner, Ada County
Patrick Rice, Greater Boise Auditorium District, Ex Officio
Charlie Rountree, Idaho Transportation Department
Matt Stoll, Executive Director, Community Planning Association, Ex
Officio
Mike Vuittonet, Joint School District #2
Rick Yzaguirre, Commissioner, Ada County

MEMBERS ABSENT: A.J. Balukoff, Independent School District of Boise City
Alan Brock, Commissioner, Golden Gate/Notus-Parma Highway Districts
Mark Dunham, Boise State University
David Ferdinand, Commissioner, Canyon County
Lance Giles, Governor's Office, Ex Officio
Gordon Law, City of Caldwell
Ralph Little, Commissioner, Canyon Highway District #4
Nathan Mitchell, Mayor, City of Star
Martin Thorne, Councilman, City of Nampa
Fred Tilman, Commissioner, Ada County
Robert Vasquez, Commissioner, Canyon County

OTHERS: Beth Baird, City of Boise
Nicole Baird-Spencer, City of Eagle
Nancy Brecks, Community Planning Association
Bob Bruce, CH2M Hill
Dave Ekern, Director, Idaho Transportation Department
James Grunke, Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce
Don Kostelec, Ada County Highway District
Kathleen Lacey, City of Boise
Katey Levihn, Ada County Highway District
Patricia Nilsson, Community Planning Association
Jade Riley, City of Boise
Terri Schorzman, Community Planning Association
Cindy Thiel, Community Planning Association
Charles Trainor, Community Planning Association
Jeanne Urlezaga, Community Planning Association
Jay Witt, Community Planning Association

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peavey-Derr called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

Nancy Merrill moved and Tammy de Weerd seconded to remove, at staff's request, Item V-C Review Proposed Actions for Urban and Transportation Management Area Balancing Committees. Add Items IV-G Consider Request from the City of Notus for General Membership Status and add Item IV-H Executive Session – Personnel Matter [Idaho Code 67-2345(b)]. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENT

Judy Peavey-Derr welcomed Carol McKee, Commissioner, alternate for Sherry Huber, Commissioner, Ada County Highway District.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve December 20, 2004, COMPASS Board Meeting Minutes**
- B. Receive October 27, 2004 and December 2, 2004, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tammy de Weerd moved and John Franden seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Confirm New Board Officers: Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair. Elect Secretary-Treasurer

Frank McKeever moved and Garret Nancolas seconded confirmation of Bob Flowers as Board Chair, Tammy de Weerd as Chair-Elect, and Tom Dale as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Flowers opened nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Garret Nancolas nominated John Franden as Secretary/Treasurer.

Phil Kushlan moved and Tom Dale seconded nominations be closed. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Flowers asked for any objections to John Franden as Secretary/Treasurer of COMPASS. Hearing no objections, Chair Flowers so ordered.

B. Confirm Executive Committee Representatives for Cities under 25,000 in Population

Tom Dale moved and Garret Nancolas seconded the confirmation of Mayor Nancy Merrill, City of Eagle, as the Executive Committee representative for cities under 25,000 in population. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Confirm Non-Elected Board Members and Alternate Members

After discussion, Tammy de Weerd moved and Nancy Merrill seconded confirmation of the non-elected Board members and alternate members as presented with the change from Bill Vaughn to Nicole Baird-Spencer as the non-elected Board alternate for the City of Eagle and a change of Phil Kushlan's status from non-elected Board alternate to non-elected Board member. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Confirm Members of COMPASS Standing Committees

After discussion, John Franden moved and Tom Dale seconded confirmation of members of COMPASS Standing Committees as presented with a change to the Transportation Modeling Advisory Committee membership from Kelli Fairless to Kevin Bittner as the representative for Valley Regional Transit. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve Planned Community Review Policy

Charles Trainor reviewed the proposed Planned Community Review Policy.

After discussion, Rick Yzaguirre moved and John Franden seconded approval of the Planned Community Review Policy as outlined in staff's memo dated January 11, 2005, in the Board packet. Motion passed unanimously as an Ada County only item.

F. Adopt Resolution 07-2005 Amending the FY2005-2009 Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program

Patricia Nilsson reviewed the FY2005-2009 Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program amendment.

Tom Dale moved and Elaine Clegg seconded adoption of Resolution 07-2005 amending the FY2005-2009 Nampa Urbanized Area Transportation Improvement Program adding the City of Caldwell project for sidewalk improvements to I-84B, Blaine Street and Cleveland Boulevard as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Consider City of Notus Request for General Membership Status

After discussion, **Garret Nancolas moved and Frank McKeever seconded approval of the request from the City of Notus for General Membership status on the COMPASS Board. Motion passed unanimously**

H. Executive Session – Personnel Matter [Idaho Code 67-2345(b)]

Judy Peavey-Derr moved and Dave Bivens seconded to adjourn into Executive Session under Idaho Code 67-2345(b) at 2:10 p.m.

Matt Stoll called roll. The following Board members were present and voted in the affirmative to move into Executive Session: Matt Beebe, Dave Bieter, Keith Bird, Vern Bisterfeldt, Dave Bivens, Elaine Clegg, Tom Dale, Tammy de Weerd, Ted Ellis, Kelli Fairless, Bob Flowers, John Franden, Phil Kushlan, Dean Obray, Mike McGown, Carol McKee, Frank McKeever, Nancy Merrill, Bryce Millar, Garret Nancolas, Judy Peavey-Derr, Charlie Rountree, Mike Vuittonet, and Rick Yzaguirre. There were no nay votes. Motion passed unanimously.

Off record at 2:12 p.m.

Tom Dale moved and Garret Nancolas seconded to return to regular session at 2:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Dale moved and Vern Bisterfeldt seconded to put a letter in Matt Stoll's personnel file stating that at the 90-day probationary review he was meeting expectations. Change Matt Stoll's original 18-month probation period to a 12-month evaluation period. The Board re-emphasized the position is at will, which eliminates a probation period. The next evaluation will be March 28, 2005, and at that time an increase in salary and/or vacation time will be reviewed. After the March 28, 2005, review, Matt will then fall into the normal evaluation cycle from that period forward. Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

A. Review Governor's Proposal for GARVEE Bonding in Idaho

Dave Ekern, Director, Idaho Transportation Department provided a power point presentation explaining how proposed GARVEE Bonding would be implemented in Idaho. He stated there would be no special treatment for GARVEE bonded projects, they must be in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. GARVEE projects would not be maintenance projects. The focus would be on major improvements needed for growth. Idaho would not use GARVEE bonding for design/build projects as other states have done. He said the projects would be federally funded projects with a 90/10 state match; an 18-year bond period based on a 4.75% on average interest rate.

B. Review 2005 Federal and State Legislative Issues

Matt Stoll stated the Executive Committee acting in its role as the Legislative Ad hoc Committee met on Friday, January 21, 2005, and reviewed the five pieces of legislation for consideration by the Board.

Public Infrastructure Improvements Districts

Matt stated the Executive Committee recommended the Board take no position on the Public Infrastructure Improvements Districts.

After discussion, **Garret Nancolas moved and Dave Bieter seconded that the COMPASS Board's position is to oppose Public Infrastructure Improvements Districts. Motion passed with one nay vote.**

GARVEE Bonding

Matt stated the Executive Committee recommended general support of GARVEE bonding with a fiscally responsible cap on the amount that can be borrowed.

After discussion, **Elaine Clegg moved and Dave Bieter seconded the Board position regarding GARVEE Bonding as Option No. 2 stated in Issue Paper 02-2005, "COMPASS supports legislation allowing state and local transportation agencies to use GARVEE and GANS bonds for highway and transit projects as long as there is a fiscally responsible cap on the amount that can be borrowed. Accelerating the completion on major highway and transit improvements will encourage further economic development and save substantial inflation costs."**

Nancy Merrill asked for a roll call vote.

Matt Stoll called role:

Matt Beebe – yes

Dave Bieter – yes

Keith Bird – no

Vern Bisterfeldt – no

Dave Bivens – no

Elaine Clegg – yes

Tom Dale – no

Tammy de Weerd – no

Ted Ellis – yes

Kelli Fairless – yes

Bob Flowers – yes

John Franden – no. He stated for the record that the Ada County Highway District Commission addressed the issue. They fully support the State of Idaho going out for GARVEE bonds without the Ada County Highway District being a part of the process. The Ada County Highway District, as an agency, strongly supports transit, but realizes there must be a funding source for operation of it.

Carol McKee – no

Phil Kushlan – yes

Dean O Bray – yes

Mike McGown – pass

Frank McKeever – no

Nancy Merrill – no

Bryce Millar – no

Garret Nancolas – yes

Judy Peavey-Derr – no

Charlie Rountree – no. Charlie stated for the record that the Idaho Transportation Board passed a resolution that supports the Governor’s initiative and GARVEE bonding programs.

Mike Vuittonet – no

Rick Yzaguirre – no

Motion failed with 9 yeas to 14 nays and 1 pass.

Tom Dale moved and Judy Peavey-Derr seconded the Board position regarding GARVEE bonding as Option No. 1 as stated in Issue Paper 02-2005, “COMPASS strongly supports state legislation to authorize the use of GARVEE bonds as a mechanism for allowing state and local agencies to accelerate funding for transportation projects as long as there is a fiscally responsible cap on the amount that can be borrowed. Since an efficient transportation system is critical for economic development, it is in Idaho’s best interest to use GARVEE bonding to complete large projects in a much shorter time frame.”

Elaine Clegg asked for a roll call vote.

Matt Stoll called roll.

Matt Beebe – yes

Dave Bieter – no

Keith Bird – yes

Vern Bisterfeldt – no

Dave Bivens – yes

Elaine Clegg – no

Tom Dale – yes

Tammy de Weerd – yes

Ted Ellis – yes

Kelli Fairless – yes

Bob Flowers – yes

John Franden – pass

Phil Kushlan – yes

Dean O Bray – yes

Mike McGown – pass

Carol McKee – pass

Frank McKeever – yes

Nancy Merrill – yes

Bryce Millar – yes

Garret Nancolas – no

Judy Peavey-Derr – yes

Charlie Rountree – yes

Mike Vuittonet – yes

Rick Yzaguirre – yes

Motion passed 17 yeas to 4 nays and 3 passes.

Tammy de Weerd suggested that it would be noteworthy to attach a note in support of looking at alternative funding methods for public transportation. Chair Flowers stated her request was noted.

Regional Air Quality Act

Matt stated the Executive Committee recommended general support of the Regional Air Quality Act in accordance with Option 2 in Issue Paper 02-2005.

After discussion, **Elaine Clegg moved Mike Vuittonet seconded the COMPASS Board position is to support Option No. 2 of Issue Paper 02-2005, “COMPASS opposes the concept of the Regional Air Quality Act. State action is not appropriate for the formation of regional air quality councils. The structure and scope of a region’s efforts to collectively and proactively address air quality management issues should be left to the local governments within the area.” Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Transportation Policy

Matt stated the Executive Committee recommended support of the Public Transportation Policy.

After discussion, **Elaine Clegg moved and Tammy de Weerd seconded the COMPASS Board strongly supports the Public Transportation Policy as stated in Option No. 2 of Issue Paper 04-2005, “COMPASS supports the proposed Public Transportation Policy legislation, and strongly encourages the legislature to look further into the local funding options needed by public transportation agencies across the state. Funding is especially critical in the Treasure Valley because the Boise Urbanized Area can no longer use federal funds for operating the public transportation system. Dedicated local revenue sources are needed to expand and operate the system effectively to meet the needs of a growing population.” Motion passed unanimously.**

Ethanol Content Requirement for Idaho Gasoline

Matt stated that the Executive Committee recommended the Board take no position on this legislation.

After discussion, **Judy Peavey-Derr moved and Garret Nancolas seconded that the COMPASS Board has no recommendation on the proposed ethanol content requirement for Idaho gasoline. Motion unanimously passed.**

Matt stated that the Executive Committee at its January 21, 2005, meeting directed Chair Judy Peavey-Derr to sign a letter of support of the Boise Airport effort to go after Federal Aviation Administration funding for the airport tower as part of annual appropriations.

D. Review Growth Scenario Evaluations for Communities in Motion and Blueprint for Good Growth

Charles Trainor provided an update on the Communities in Motion and Blueprint for Good Growth plans.

E. Review “Stakeholder Outreach Plan” for Communities in Motion

Terri Schorzman provided an overview of the Stakeholder Outreach Plan for Communities in Motion.

F. Review the Downtown Boise Mobility Study

Chair Flowers asked for any objections to postponing this item until the February 28, 2005, Board meeting to allow Kelli Fairless to make the presentation. Hearing none, Chair Flowers so ordered.

G. Status Report – Finance Committee Update

Matt Stoll stated the Finance Committee approved the 2004 Audit report as presented by George Wadsworth of Wadsworth and Smith and recommended confirmation by the COMPASS Board.

Chair Flowers asked for any objections to confirming approval of the 2004 Audit as recommended by the Finance Committee. Hearing none, Chair Flowers so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

Judy Peavey-Derr moved and Dave Bivens seconded to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Dated this 28th day of February 2005.

APPROVED:

By: _____
Bob Flowers, Chair
Community Planning Association

ATTEST:

By: _____
Matthew J. Stoll, Executive Director
Community Planning Association