

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 19, 2007 – 4:30 p.m.
Regional Enterprise Tower – 425 Sixth Avenue, 31st Floor – Pittsburgh, PA 15219

The sixty-second meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission was called to order by Chairman, Bracken Burns.

Commission members present were: Glenn Anderson, Tom Balya, Stephen Bland, Andrew Boni, Bracken Burns, Charles Camp, Tom Ceraso, Daniel Cessna, Dave Coder, Steve Craig, Robert DeLotto, Joseph Dubovi III, Patricia Evanko, Patrick Ford, David Frick, Jim Gagliano, Jr., Kevin Gray, Lynn Heckman, David Johnston, James Kennedy, Allen Kukovich, Phil Light, Scott Lowe, Larry Maggi, Robbie Matesic, Kevin McCullough, David Miller, Larry Morris, Henry Nutbrown, Dan Onorato, Luke Ravenstahl, Jim Ritzman, James Scahill, Michael Silvestri, Pam Snyder, Joe Spanik, Anthony Spossey, Joe Szczur, Vincent Vicites, and Gealy Wallwork.

Commission members absent were: Orlando Capretto, Eric Carlson, James Cheatham, Dan Donatella, Richard Fink, Edward Fosnaught, John Gardner, Joseph Hardy, Dana Henry, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Mark Lay, Terry McMillen, William Peduto, Andrew Quinn, Carmen Rozzi, Rodney Ruddock, Daniel Santoro, Mark Schneider, Richard Shaw, Herman Shipman, Mark Snyder, Byron Stauffer, Jr., Daniel Vogler, Jake Wheatley, Norma Wintermeyer and Angela Zimmerlink.

Others: Georgia Berner, Berner International; Richard Donley, Chaska Property Advisers; Shawn Fox, Allegheny County; John Verbanac, SPC Consultant.

Staff: Jim Hassinger, Kirk Brethauer, Chuck DiPietro, Linda Duffy, Sarah Francis, Chuck Imbrogno, Vince Massaro, Marge Nalesnick, Shannon O'Connell, Tom Straw, Kay Tomko, and Lew Villotti.

1. Action on Minutes of the January 29th Meeting

The minutes of the January 29, 2007 meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission were approved on a motion by Commissioner Matesic which was seconded by Commissioner Vicites. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Project Region Update

Mr. Villotti gave a presentation on Project Region. He reported that scenario input was received from work group meetings, partners meetings, regional town meetings, and the member Policy Conference. He explained that the Draft Combined Scenario was a combination of Corridor/Cluster and Compact/Infill/TOD. Mr. Villotti also explained that the combined

scenario description focused on high and medium density development with a mix of uses in corridors, centers and clusters; infill and brownfield rehabilitation and redevelopment of business districts; multi-modal transportation including transit, highways, railways and waterways; open space preservation, agriculture in rural areas and upgrading and enhancing of infrastructure with limited expansion primarily in historically underserved areas. He also showed draft indicator scores for development density, land developed, households close to transit and households close to highways.

Dr. Hassinger noted that we would break briefly after adjournment in order to prepare for the arrival of the Governor for his presentation on Transportation Finance.

4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Wallwork and seconded by Commissioner Balya.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles A. Camp
Secretary-Treasurer