



Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

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DOVER/KENT COUNTY MPO PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2009

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ALTERNATES ATTENDING:

Horace Cook, Chair	Dwight Meyer, Vice Chair	Prameela Kaza
James Webster	Michael Gumrot	Arley Cooper, Jr.
Dr. Daniel Houghtaling	Bridget Lane	

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING:

William Saunders	James Brown	Dr. Carlton Cannon, Alt. at large
Guy Veach		

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Nancy Carig, Bluewater Wind	Scott Baker, University of Delaware
Miranda Marquez, DE Dept. of Labor	Judy Taylor, United States Postal Service (USPS)
Tanner Fowler, Boy Scouts of America	John Pratt, Boy Scouts of America
Bob Lane	Jim Galvin, MPO Staff
Juanita Wieczoreck, MPO Staff	Kate Layton, MPO Staff
Catherine Samardza, MPO Staff	

The annual workshop meeting was held at Dover Downs Festival Buffet.

1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. PRESENTATION: Proposed wind generation on the Atlantic coast -- Nancy Carig, Bluewater Wind

Ms. Carig presented two videos about wind farm technology and answered questions regarding the Bluewater Wind farm off the coast of Delaware. She explained how the site was chosen and the proposed construction timeline, how the energy would be connected to the Delaware's electric grid and how much energy would be generated. She also noted that although Bluewater Wind is a new company, the parent company is one of the leading wind farm companies in the country, and the team members involved in Bluewater Wind have worked on many of the off-shore wind farms in the world.

4. PRESENTATION: Vehicle to Grid Technology --Scott Baker, University of Delaware College of Marine and Earth Studies, Center for Carbon-free Power Integration

Mr. Baker gave a presentation that described vehicle-to-grid technology, how it would work and the infrastructure needed to make it feasible. He also showed how vehicles are retrofitted to electric by a company in Wilmington. Currently, these vehicles cost \$75,000. His presentation also showed several different vehicle models. There was considerable discussion concerning how re-charging would work, both for home and on-the-road use, because the batteries do not cover a long distance before needing an hour or more for re-charging. The committee was very enthusiastic about the technology, and Mr. Meyer asked if tours were available to see the retrofit company at work. Mr. Baker said that the contact was Dick Johnson and his information could be found on-line at the Autoport website.



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5. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Agenda**

MOTION By Mr. Meyer to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gumrot. Motion carried.

6. **ACTION ITEM: Approval of Minutes / February 24, 2009**

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Kaza. Motion carried.

7. **ACTION ITEM: Proposal Review – Transportation Studies Project – J. Galvin**

Mr. Galvin reviewed the Transportation Studies Project history and process. He then described the project submitted

by Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) for funding. He reported that the Review Crew recommended that the project be funded at the \$10,000.00 maximum with no allowance for any increase in monies. Mr. Galvin also reported that the TAC recommended Council approve the proposed project.

MOTION By Mr. Webster to recommend Council approve the DART project for funding to the D/KC MPO maximum of \$10,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Before voting, there was further discussion as to how much the total project would actually cost. Consensus was that the MPO would only fund to the project limits regardless of DTC's total costs.

Motion carried.

8. **PRESENTATION FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)– J. Wieczoreck**

Ms. Wieczoreck reported that the 2010 UPWP was approved by Council, although the match from DelDOT is still being worked out. She then reviewed the projects and funding levels in the UPWP.

Mr. Cook reported that he had trouble traveling on West Street again, and still feels that this area is unsafe and requires changes to the traffic patterns. Ms. Wieczoreck reminded the TAC that DelDOT has been contacted before about this area and that DelDOT reported that the City does not support any further changes at this location. She also noted that she will again pass on Mr. Cook's concerns.

9. **Staff Reports –**

- 9.1 **Other Project Updates/Activities**
- 9.2 **Correspondence & Publications/Reports**
- 9.3 **Public Outreach – K. Layton**

Polo shirts with the MPO logo were distributed to the PAC members as gifts for their volunteer service during the year.

The PAC and MPO staff took a few minutes to remember Mr. Richard Ornauer, founding PAC member, who passed away on June 11th.

PAC members also discussed obtaining a plaque in Mr. Ornauer's memory and displaying it at the MPO offices.

NEXT MEETING: August 25, Smyrna area. Location TBD.

MOTION By Mr. Gumrot to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Webster. Motion carried.