



**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Regional Policy Roundtable Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 16, 2018
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1p.m.
Location: 111 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(Scioto Conference room)

Members Present

Doug Arseneault	Anthony Jones	Jim Schimmer
Robert Bitzenhofer	Hon. Kim Maggard	Jason Warner
Stacy Boumis	Gary Merrell (call)	Holly Gross (call)
Steve Campbell	Jason Phillips	
Ben Collins	Tory Richardson	
Trent Dougherty	Nikki Scarpitti	
Erik Janas	Mike Schadek	

MORPC Staff Present

Terri Flora	Shalise Logan	Steve Tugend (Kegler)
Andrew Hicks (call)	William Murdock	
Eileen Leuby	Bevan Schneck	

Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Kim Maggard, Regional Policy Roundtable Chair

- The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chair Mayor Kim Maggard.

Welcome & Introductions – Mayor Maggard

- Mayor Maggard provided a brief introduction about herself.
- Each member gave a brief introduction about themselves.
- After introductions Mayor Maggard expressed how excited she was to lead as Chair of the Roundtable, but how it would not be possible without the previous leadership of Steve Campbell.
- Steve Campbell was recognized and presented with a gift and gave a few words of gratitude.
- Ben Collins was welcomed as the new vice-chair of the Roundtable. He gave thanks to the members and anticipates great things to come.

Updated Membership Guidelines – Mayor Maggard

- The new Regional Policy Roundtable membership guidelines were provided to members with the agenda.
- The new version reflects how the public policy agenda is now produced on a biennial basis. Another major change is term limits. Each member will now serve a two-year term with the terms staggered in odd and even numbered years. In the past some members served one- or two-year terms. This change will make it easier to keep track of the terms of service for each member.
- A motion was made by Jim Schimmer to confirm the new membership guidelines of service, seconded by Tory Richardson. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Update: Nikki Scarpitti, Director of Strategic Initiatives - Columbus Metropolitan Library

- Nikki Scarpitti was introduced and provided the member updates for the Columbus Metropolitan Library.
- 2018 Renovation Updates.
- Handouts provided entailed:
 - Columbus Metropolitan Library's Aspirational Building Programs
 - Carnegie Author Series: Author Talks at main Library
- Provided an overview of the Central Library Consortium
 - Access to all library resources
 - Advocacy (Metropolitan Collaboration Libraries of Ohio)
- E-rate Funding at a federal level.
- No fines overview

Legislative Update: Steve Tugend – Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter

- Steve Tugend was introduced and provided an update on legislation at the Statehouse and in Washington.
- Overview
 - HB371- Taxes on unsold property
 - HB114- Renewable Energy Standards
 - Broadband expansion bills
 - Aaron Schill will be reaching out to members for feedback.
- Chair Maggard highlighted that bills in the MORPC Legislative Update document are now organized in the legislative tracking section based on which MORPC policy goal topic they impact. This makes it easier to track legislation. Members who have suggestions regarding the legislative update should contact Joe Garrity.

Washington D.C. Trip/NARC Conference: Terri Flora, Director of Public & Government Affairs- MORPC

- Terri Flora was introduced and provided an update on MORPC's upcoming visit to Washington D.C. in February for the NARC Conference.
- 2018 National Conference of Regions will be held February 11-14, 2018 in Washington D.C.
- Discussions planned with Congressional delegation, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Energy and EPA.
- Members asked to submit topics for discussions and suggestions for monthly update.

2019-2020 MORPC Public Policy Agenda Working Group – Mayor Maggard

- This year, the roundtable will form the 2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda working group, which will be led by Vice Chair Ben Collins. The working group will be responsible for updating MORPC's Public Policy Agenda to ensure it reflects the interests of MORPC's members and is the collective voice of the region.

- Those who would like to serve or know someone who should serve on the working group, should contact Joe Garrity or Terri Flora.

Other Business - All

Jim Schimmer- Franklin County

- Smart Works
- Accepting applications for infrastructure
- Rickenbacker updates
- Energy Efficiency
- Poverty issues

Anthony Jones- City of Gahanna

- Senior Living
- 3 Commercial Buildings – will lead to job growth
- Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Modifying Zoning Code process
- Improvements to Stygler and 62

Trent Dougherty- Ohio Environmental Council

- Energy Bill- environmental efficiency is a priority
- Water quality issues
- 501c3 and 501c4

Stacey Boumis- Village of Obetz

- New Subdivision on Bixby Road

Tory Richardson- Columbus Regional Airport Authority

- CRAA has a new CEO
- John Glenn Airport plans construction of new rental car facility

Doug Arseneault- COTA

- CMAX Transit line launched January 1, 2018.

William Murdock – MORPC

- William Murdock thanked the chair, vice chair and roundtable for their service.
- National Conference of Regions (NARC) and the Ohio Conference of Regions (OARC)
- Hyperloop update

Ben Collins– Plain Township

- Public Policy Working Group 2018

Mayor Kim Maggard- City of Whitehall

- Whitehall updates
 - 5 new playgrounds for parks
 - ETNA Road Project
 - Crime is down.

Steve Tugend- Kegler, Brown, Hill + Ritter

- Columbus2020
- How do we measure the quality of life?

Steve Campbell- North Star

- Brainstorming committee with Aaron Schill, MORPC Director of Data & Mapping.

Jason Phillips- Clean Fuels Ohio

- School bus financing program is active.

Mike Schadek- City of Columbus

- Neighborhood Conversations – Mayor Ginther. If interested in attending one of the neighborhood conversations, please visit [here](#).
- The Michael B. Coleman Governmental Center Building Dedication will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. To RSVP and more information, please visit [here](#).

Eileen Leuby- MORPC

- Truth forum in Whitehall.

Erik Janas- Franklin County

- Poverty issues recap (Schimmer).

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.