

**Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council
Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MIBOR Realtor Association, Meeting Room B
1912 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Committee Members Present

Mark Myers – City of Greenwood	Gary Pool – Hancock County
Daniel Parker – City of Indianapolis	Craig Parks – Boone County
Tom Klein – Town of Avon	Andrew Klinger – Town of Plainfield

* = Proxy

Committee Members Absent

Andy Cook – City of Westfield
Dennis Buckley – City of Beech Grove
Mike Terry – IndyGo

Others Present

Anna Gremling – MPO
Sean Northup – MPO
Steve Cunningham - MPO
Denise Barkdull – Frost, Brown, Todd, LLC
Danielle Gerlach – MPO

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Mark Myers, Chair of the Administrative Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m. and welcomed Administrative Committee members.

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (SEEKING APPROVAL)

<p>Tom Klein moved to approve the April 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Dan Parker seconded the motion. The minutes of the April 26, 2019 IRTC Administrative Committee Meeting were approved.</p>

STATUS REPORTS

3. TRANSITION STATE STATUTE – SHORT TERM OPTIONS

- a) Regional Planning Commission vs. Regional Development Authority

Anna Gremling began the discussion by asking about what people thought of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) vs the Regional Development Authority (RDA) designations. During the next Administrative Committee meeting in August, **Gremling** is expecting to have a discussion around what the recommendation would be. **Gremling** also said it would be preferable to make a decision in August, but **Denise Barkdull** stated it could be as late as October. **Gremling** provided details about ongoing efforts to discuss with others in the region about the transition. **Gremling** also talked about ongoing human resources work being done with Gregory Appel, including their work with a sub-contractor who will be providing data regarding salary ranges based on updated position descriptions.

Gremling provided information about two Request for Qualifications (RFQs) that are currently open: Human Resources Information System and Financial Services System. They both close Wednesday, June 19th at 3:00 pm.

Andrew Klinger talked about the importance of benefits for employees, including how beneficial the PERF retirement plan was and explained PERF in more detail. **Gremling** then explained new hires do not qualify for the PERF plan; they are in an annuity plan, instead.

b) Retreat Feedback

Sean Northup said members were more split than he had expected between the RPC and RDA statutes. **Klinger** asked if everything the organization wanted to accomplish could be done under the RDA statute, to which the answer was affirmative by **Northup**. The committee discussed pros and cons of each of the designations, as well as how each designation could be worked to accomplish what the group is looking for. **Northup** mentioned some people were interested in waiting to see if legislation passed, but IMPO staff is not in favor of that. **Barkdull** explained waiting for legislation could take up to two years before action was taken.

Klinger asked if the IMPO pursued the Economic District Designation (EDD), if it would have its own overarching authority. **Gremling** explained that it would have a designated committee and it would have to be its own board. The entire EDD committee would make decisions within that, and there can be no larger authority beyond it.

Mayor Myers asked if the no elected officials rules that applies to the RDA development board would also apply to subcommittees. **Gremling** explained elected officials can serve on the subcommittees and elected officials could be added to the RDA designation.

Denise Barkdull explained the target date of June 1 is after the legislative session and that Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO) would have to see what the proposals looks like in January. This leaves a short time frame to change directions, if that is what the MPO decided. **Barkdull** added it is easier to switch directions throughout the process rather than waiting.

Klinger asked if the RDA was the chosen statute, what would it look like and **Tom Klein** followed up with asking who would appoint the board. **Barkdull** responded it is not clear right now, but it would be a written agreement for the board.

Gremling explained how other MPOs utilize an application process for their board members, which the executive committee looks at and provides recommendations. **Klinger** asked how would the organization get around not having elected officials on the board, to which **Klein** explained the current policy committee would still be in effect and they could decide. **Gary Pool** suggested writing it into the bylaws. **Gremling** also explained that IEDC didn't have elected officials because the tenure was supposed to last longer than an elected official's time in office. In addition, **Northup** explained that the state government has been vocal about not having elected officials on the development board due to the length of time serving, as well. **Gremling** compared other MPOs and their statutes with the caveat that they are significantly smaller than the IMPO.

Barkdull explained the group needs to be willing to live with the statute if it does not go through legislation or if the statute changes during the process at the state level.

Gremling asked if there were further questions regarding the transition or retreat. There were none.

c) Next steps, timing, and other regional initiatives

Gremling will be creating and distributing a new PL Distribution presentation that has more vision and thought in it. She will also send out the Planning Funding (PL) Distribution Presentation digitally.

INDOT representatives will be coming to the next Administrative Committee meeting to talk about the PL Funding Distribution. A formal memo was sent in February but received no response. **Gremling** explained the MPO is losing over \$700,000 in PL money per year due to the current funding distribution model. **Gremling** is hoping for a capitated formula, but **Pool** raised concerns over other organizations not being on board with changing the formula. **Pool** also asked if it could be something addressed through legislation.

Gremling stated that in addition to the PL discussion, she intended to discuss flexibility in the Annual Allocation Policy as well. **Steve Cunningham** stated the IMPO has demonstrated its ability to do business in such a way that INDOT would like, but the policy is geared towards organizations that may not conduct business the way IMPO

does. The committee discussed preparations for the next meeting and what needs to be ready. **Gremling** stated that she would provide the members with questions and background material prior to the meeting.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

None.

5. **OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Daniel Parker moved to adjourn the meeting.

Andrew Klinger seconded the motion.

The Administrative Committee voted in favor of adjournment at 12:01 pm.