

Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
February 25, 2016

Call to Order

Chairman T.R Dudley called the Feb. 25, 2016, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

a. Minutes – January 14, 2016

b. Local Review
None

c. Statewide Grant Applications

1. Child Advocacy Services Center, Inc/dba The Children's Place Kansas City, MO
93.243-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance
SafeCare In-Home Program Implementation
Federal: \$1,761,562
2. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C.
Request for withholding information from public disclosure for the University of Missouri at Columbia Research Reactor (TAC NO. MF6514)
3. The Curators of the University of Missouri, Columbia
93.243-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance
Missouri Early Child Trauma Initiative
Federal: \$399,999
4. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City
93.671-Family Violence Prevention and Services/Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services
Domestic Violence Shelter and Supportive Services
5. Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City
66.805-Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Corrective Action Program
Missouri Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement
Federal: \$2,778,000
State: 308,667
Total: \$3,086,667
6. Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City
66.804-Underground Storage Tank Prevention, Detection and Compliance Program
Missouri Leaking Underground Storage Tank Prevention Cooperative Agreement
Federal: \$1,314,000
State: 438,000
Total: \$1,752,000
7. Mark Twain National Forest, Houston MO
Public scoping period for proposed construction of a new Helibase facility on the Mark Twain National Forest

8. Missouri Department of Social Services, Jefferson City
Child Care and Development 2016-2018 Plan

9. State of Missouri, Jefferson City

93.094-Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation

Missouri is requesting funding (661,000) for its thirteenth year as WISEWOMAN project.

Utilizing the current network of 32 screening providers with additional satellite sites, Missouri plans to screen 1, 500 women in FY2017

10. State of Missouri, Jefferson City

93.752-Cancer Prevention and Control programs for State, Territorial and Tribal Organizations financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funds

Funding is requested to address the health and economic burden of cancer by conducting cancer surveillance, increasing access to screening, improving health outcomes for people living with cancer, and providing the evidence for and evaluation of policy.

d. Contracts

- SEMA/Gasconade County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract with SEMA to review and update the Gasconade County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- City of Steelville

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a technical assistant contract with the City of Steelville for application preparation for a CDBG grant to make ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvements to the city hall, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- St. James Caring Center

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a contract for grant writing services with the St. James Caring Center for NAP tax credits to build a senior center adjacent to the caring center, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Our Story Boutique, LLC

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to enter into a technical assistance contract for a business loan with Our Story Boutique, LLC, and to sign all documents associated with this contract.

- Joint Resolution for Annual RLF Certification

Permission was requested for the executive director and/or chairman to approve a joint resolution by the Meramec Regional Planning Commission and the Meramec Regional Development Corporation for the purposes of approving the annual RLF certification for the period ending March 31, 2016. This resolution will be submitted with MRPC's semi-annual report to the Economic Development Administration due on or before April 30, 2016.

Sharon Hubbard voiced concern on number two on the consent agenda: *Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C., request for withholding information from public disclosure for the University of Missouri at Columbia Research Reactor (TAC NO. MF6514).*

Mary Heywood made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with the recommendation of removing number two under Statewide Grant Applications; *Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C., request for withholding information from public disclosure for the University of Missouri at Columbia Research Reactor (TAC NO. MF6514);* Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mobility Management in the Meramec Region, by Holly Kreienkamp, MRPC Mobility Manager

Holly shared information on MRPC's newest program, MORIDES-Meramec, which is a coordinated transit referral service. Holly works with people who are in need of rides to doctor's appointments, shopping, food pantries and other locations and existing transportation providers to find affordable options to address those transit needs. MRPC is one of three regional planning commissions offering this referral service, which is funded through MoDOT's federal transit programs and the Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council.

Since September 2015 there has been 63 transportation providers added to MORIDES.com website. To date 118 presentations have been completed at various chambers, committees, groups, clubs, senior centers and social service organizations to promote MORIDES-Meramec.

Holly shared information on Enterprise carpool rental program. MRPC is also partnering with Schwan's Cares on a fund raising program that would provide funds for rides when no other options are available.

External Relations Committee

Darrell Skiles reported on External Relations Committee activities as follows:

The External Relations Committee reviewed trip to the Capitol and issues that were discussed with state legislators. Staff provides information on the NADO conference and trip. Staff shared information on the new EDA peer review of MRPC for 2015. Overall the review was good. MRPC scored low on *how effective the governing body in providing policy guidance and leadership to the organization*. The suggestion was to increase the quorum of the board to a larger number. Staff recommended increasing the quorum from five to ten and to change the MRPC Bylaws. Board agreed to consider the bylaws change at an upcoming meeting. Committee reviewed and discussed revised annual dinner schedule. The Annual Dinner is scheduled for October 20. Staff will be sending the site solicitation out in April. Staff provided an update on the Associate Membership drive and received input on potential members.

Bonnie Prigge testified in a House budget hearing on January 27 to ask for increased funding for RPCs. House Committee has increase RPC funding from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Staff presented a letter for approval to send to Senator Brown making the request of the Senate Appropriation Committee and asking for his support. Darrell Skiles made a motion to approve letter in regards to RPC funding to Senator Brown; Ron Kraettli seconded the motion. The motion carried. The letter was passed around so all board members could sign.

Operations Committee

Marvin Wright reported on Operations Committee activities as follows:

Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended January 31, 2016; seconded by John Casey. The motion carried.

The committee reviewed the EDA Peer Evaluation and Recommendation Report with regard to sections of the personnel policy. EDA recommended updates to include a social media/PR section, whistleblower policy and appropriate internet/email use.

Planning Committee

T.R. Dudley reported on Planning Committee activities as follows:

Staff provided an overview of the 2015 EDA Performance Evaluation and Recommendation Report. Staff discussed the new CDBG Disaster Resiliency project and considered possible projects. Committee members prioritized projects. The committee began preliminary discussion for the 2016 Strategic Advance.

Housing Advisory Board

No report.

Transportation Advisory Committee

John Casey reported on Transportation Advisory Committee as follows:

Dave Silvester, MoDOT engineer, spoke on legislative funding, use of cost share money to maintain system and possibility use of toll roads for I-70. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation the FAST ACT, the highway commission rescinded the 325 plan. Missouri should be able to meet matching funds.

Bill Whitfield, MoDOT Director of Highway Safety, reported that there was a 39 percent drop in fatalities from 2005-2011, 2015 is up 14 percent. He shared information on a grass roots campaign lead by AAA and covered safety-related legislation, including a primary seatbelt law and an all-texting ban and efforts to repeal the helmet law.

Preston Kramer, MoDOT area engineer, presented Fast Act, (Fixing America's Surface Transportation). Fast Act was signed into law on Dec. 4, 2015. It's a fully funded, five- year federal transportation bill that provides funding certainty for planning which included roads, bridges, transit systems and ports and rail transportation. It increases funding by 9.8 percent over MAP-21.

Kelly Sink-Blair, MRPC provided information on possible transportation funding opportunities for LPAs, in addition to those offered by MoDOT.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Tammy Snodgrass passed out reports on environmental and MREPC activities. Report is attached.

Business Loans

Report is attached.

Workforce Development

T.R. Dudley reported that Workforce Investment Board continues to work on the transition from Workforce Investment Act to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:

No report given.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

Bonnie Prigge announced MRCF have reviewed grant applications. Six grants were funded at \$250 each for a total award of \$1500. The checks will be presented at the March 2 meeting.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Dudley reported that he attended the Delta Leadership Conference in New Orleans. The Conference was wonderful and 400 individuals attended.

Director's Report

Ms. Prigge announced that MRPC will be hosting a two-day Delta Regional Authority Workshop on disaster resilience and economic recovery on April 28-29. Staff handed out brochure to board.

Ms. Prigge will be attending on March 1 a SEMA disaster meeting at Highway Patrol Troop I.

Ms. Prigge informed the board that there are three counties that are work ready certified-Maries, Washington and Phelps.

Adjourn

T.R. Dudley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; Ray Schwartze seconded the motion. The motion carried.