

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
July 29, 2019 – 4:30 p.m.
Two Chatham Center • Suite 400 • 112 Washington Place • Pittsburgh, PA 15219

The one hundred thirty-sixth meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission was called to order by Chairman Larry Maggi.

Members present: Darin Alviano, Tony Amadio, Chuck Anderson, Kevin Boozel, Gina Cerilli, Dave Coder, Steve Craig, Sandie Egley (via conference call), Pat Fabian, Rich Fitzgerald, Kimberly Geyer, Mark Gordon, Joe Grata, Kelly Gray, Dick Hadley, Lynn Heckman, Fred Junko, Bob Macey, Larry Maggi, Jeff Marshall, Leslie Osche, Archie Trader, Vince Vicites, and Blair Zimmerman

Others present: Mark Mansfield, Upper St. Clair; Ann Ogoreuc, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

Staff: Jim Hassinger, Kirk Brethauer, Dom D'Andrea, Linda Duffy, Lillian Gabreski, Ryan Gordon, Chuck Imbrogno, Tom Klevan, Vince Massaro, Shannon O'Connell, Jeremy Papay, Kay Tomko, Lew Villotti, and Andy Waple

1. Chairman Maggi called to order the July 29, 2019 meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission.
 - a. Quorum – There being a quorum present the meeting proceeded.
 - b. Conflict of Interest Declarations on Action Items – None
2. Action on Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting by Commissioner Robert Macey which was seconded by Commissioner Chuck Anderson. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

3. Public Comment – None
4. Staff Profile – Andy Waple / Lillian Gabreski

Mr. Waple introduced Lillian Gabreski

Responsibilities at SPC

- Development of the 2019 Long Range Plan and the 2021-2024 TIP update
 - Assist with LRP and TIP work group meetings, PPP meetings, NHS updates, and candidate project list
- Administration of the 2019-2022 TIP
 - Review and Process TIP Modification Requests
 - Assist in development of monthly TTC meeting agenda
 - Facilitate approval of TIP Modifications at TTC Meetings
 - Complete annual obligations report
- Environmental Justice Analysis
 - Conduct required EJ analysis for LRP and TIP and complete subsequent report
 - Integrate new methodology from FHWA/FTA
 - Develop improvements for the EJ process
- Program Development
 - Assist with updating guidance for programs like CMAQ
- Attend relevant scoping field views and public events

Professional Background

- B.A. in Political Science; Penn State Behrend, Erie, PA
 - Focus in International Community Development (coursework in Cape Town, South Africa and Toronto, Canada)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA); Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
 - Focus in Economic and Financial Policy; Infrastructure Finance
 - Thesis: Global City Maturity via Historic Preservation Practices
 - Senior Editor of the Cornell Policy Review
- Various work experience includes:
 - Project consultant: Town of Dryden, NY (Revolving Loan Fund); Hello Tractor (Market Growth); Eventerprise.com (Corporate Responsibility)
 - Tutor at Penn State Behrend and in Cape Town, South Africa

“Where are you from?”

- Jamestown, NY
- Chautauqua Lake NY
- Slippery Rock, PA
- Fort Kent, Maine

Outside of Work – photos included;

- Robert H Treman State Park in Ithaca, NY
- Manchac Swamp, New Orleans, LA
- View of Table Mountain from the top of Lion’s Head, Cape Town, South Africa
- Our dog – Beau!

5. Financial Report – Vince Massaro

Mr. Massaro reported on the unaudited financials for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It reflects the operations of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and the Corporation. The total project revenues are \$12,026,931 actual encumbered revenues to date versus the updated annual budget of \$13,211,770. This reflects 91.03% of the budget recognizing encumbered to date. These include carryover funds from the UPWP Program for FY18-20. We anticipate \$825,000 to carryover.

Expenditures recorded and encumbered to date total \$12,026,931 versus the updated annual budget of \$13,211.770 or 91.03% of the budget expended and encumbered to date.

Commissioner Chuck Anderson motioned to approve the financial report which was seconded by Ms. Lynn Heckman. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

6. Action on Resolution 10-19 to Approve and Endorse the Region’s Area Development Project Priority Listing and Authorize Submission of an Application for Funds – Lew Villotti

Mr. Villotti explained:

ARC Project Evaluation

- ARC grant programs are competitive
- Projects are evaluated and ranked by the Area Development Committee
- Recommendation to the Commission
- ARC is not obligated to adhere to ranking, but it is “strongly considered”

He reported that one of last year’s projects received approval for full funding from ARC for the following project:

- Community Kitchen Pittsburgh (Allegheny County): To invest in staff and technology necessary to create, launch and sustain the CKP Culinary Arts School, an accredited vocational training school, to catalyze workforce training, skills-acquisition and placement for 100 clients.

He further explained that:

- The Committee ranks ARC projects in two categories:
 - Sec. 201 Local Access Road projects
 - Sec. 214 Construction and Sec. 302 Non-Construction projects

201 Local Access Road

- Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park (Indiana County): construct an access road and related infrastructure to support the 210-acre Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park located in White Township, which has been designated as a Keystone Opportunity Zone. (\$500k)

Sec. 214 Construction

1. Dunkard Valley Water Line Extension (Greene County): Southwestern Pennsylvania Water Authority (SPWA) is proposing a water line extension project to include 5,500 L.F. of 12" DR 14 PVC pipe to provide service to a 1,400-acre site known as Consol Energy's former Robena Mine Site. (\$250k)
2. Joseph A. Hardy Connellsville Airport Hangar Development Phase 2 (Fayette County): complete construction of four hangars – containing six units each – at the airport that will: 1) allow for a greater revenue potential for leased aircraft storage; 2) enhance appearance of airport; and 3) create more fully functional hangars that have the potential to attract new clients. (\$200k)
3. The Farm Agriculture Education Center (Washington County): create an education center to support agricultural education and business development in Washington and the surrounding counties expanding education and workforce development programs for veterans, students, and farmers in the region. (\$75k)
4. TRPIL's Renovation Project at the Former YMCA Building (Washington County): complete the restoration and renovation of TRPIL's new headquarters and community center in Washington, PA. (\$250k)

Sec. 302 Non-Construction

1. SPC's Partnership for Regional Economic Performance is the top regional project for ARC's 302 Non-Construction funds and will provide direct hands-on assistance to businesses through international trade assistance, low interest loans, government procurement, and electronic commerce, and will provide direct assistance to communities through economic planning and research, and technology assistance. (\$400k)

Commissioner Blair Zimmerman motioned to approve Resolution 10-19 which was seconded by Commissioner Dave Coder. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Presentation of the Joe James Excellence in Local Government Achievement Award to Mark Mansfield, Assistant Township Manager, Upper St. Clair

Chairman Larry Maggi announced that the Joseph A. James Memorial Award recognizes a municipal government elected or appointed official in any local government, agency, or Council of Government for a lifetime of exemplary governance or management; improving professionalism in municipal government; making a significant contribution to municipal government services; providing an outstanding service or facility; innovation, or outstanding leadership in a local government cause.

Joe James, a noted scholar with the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, was a lifelong advocate for intergovernmental cooperation and professionalism in local government.

Chairman Maggi then introduced Dick Hadley who in turn introduced Mark Mansfield. Mark has professionally served Upper St. Clair Township for nearly 30 years, supporting the Township and their Board of Commissioners. Mark led the development of a highly respected human resources program

within the Township that serves as a model for other municipalities across the commonwealth. In addition, Mark was instrumental in helping develop a world class Community Center that has also become a model for other municipalities across the Commonwealth, as well as supporting and directing the several operating departments within the municipality.

In addition, Mark has served as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the Local Government Academy, known as the LGA. The LGA is the lead organization in the tri-county area offering educational programs to serve the appointed and elected officials of the region. Mark currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mark has led that Board during some difficult transitions and always led that organization to a brighter future.

Mark's professional involvement and leadership has contributed to a thriving and vibrant Upper St. Clair. Mark has also led the Western Pennsylvania Municipal Managers Association, an organization dedicated to improving the education opportunities for local government managers in western Pennsylvania, and has enhanced communications between the western Pennsylvania municipal managers and other municipal managers across the Commonwealth.

Mark's commitment to a professional municipal management in support of the Board of Commissioners in his Township and their Township Manager has significantly enhanced the ability of Upper St. Clair Township to be recognized as one of the most well managed and respected local government organizations in the Commonwealth, especially being recognized for being responsive and communicative with their citizens and businesses.

Mark holds a Master of Public Administration from the Graduate School of Public & International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

8. Other Business/Announcements

Next Meeting Date – September 30th

9. New Business – None

10. Adjourn

Commissioner Rich Fitzgerald moved to adjourn the meeting of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and Commissioner Gina Cerilli seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Amadio
Secretary-Treasurer