

GENESEE: OUR COUNTY, OUR FUTURE STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, April 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.
Conference Call Meeting

MINUTES

The GENESEE: OUR COUNTY, OUR FUTURE Steering Committee met at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 via a conference call due to the Coronavirus concerns.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Peivandi called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Mark Adas, Bill Bain, Brad Dick, Fred Peivandi, Mark Emmendorfer, Thomas Hutchison, and Anita Boughner.

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Jason Nordberg, Sheila Taylor, Sharon Gregory, and Nichole Odette.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Bill Bain stated that his last name was spelled incorrectly with an "e" on the end.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Brad Dick, **Seconded by** Bill Bain, to approve the January 22, 2020 meeting minutes with the noted correction.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF THE GENESEE: OUR COUNTY, OUR FUTURE PLAN

Sharon Gregory stated that staff first began working on the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan in 2018. Staff met with over 100 community stakeholders to gather ideas on how to make Genesee County a better place to live, work, and play. A survey was made available to the community and more than 1,000 residents responded with thoughts and ideas on how to improve the County. Staff set up a user-friendly website where residents could leave comments on the plan at any time. The website includes a community remarks webpage, which is an interactive mapping application that allows comments to be inserted directly on the map. Staff also welcomed comments through Facebook, Twitter, email, phone, fax, etc. Citizens on the GCMPC Public Participation List were regularly informed throughout the planning process. Staff used various methods to advertise the three public input sessions, including mailing over 1,100 post cards, the Flint Journal, social media, our website, and ads inside MTA buses. The 30-day public comment period began on March 9th and ended on April 7th with a public hearing. No comments were received during the public comment period or during the public hearing. At this time, staff is requesting final approval from this Steering Committee for the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan.

Bill Bain stated that the plan was beautifully done and very welcoming. The photo choices are excellent, and staff did a great job. Anita Boughner agreed, and stated that the plan is very well done.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Bill Bain, **Seconded by** Brad Dick, to approve the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan.

Jason Nordberg thanked everyone for participating in this long process and stated that staff appreciates all the support and feedback provided. This will probably be the last meeting of this committee. The plan will go through five other committees for approval, as well as MDOT and FHWA because of Air Quality regulations. It will be another couple of months before all approvals are completed, however, staff will keep the most updated plan on the website.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Peivandi adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Secretary
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission