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## **The 35W Solutions Alliance Meeting**

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Richfield City Hall, Bartholomew Room, 6700 Portland Ave S

### **Minutes**

#### **Members and Guests Present**

Board members present were Chair-Liz Workman, Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott, Luke Hellier, Mary Liz Holberg, Michael Howard, Zach Johnson, Dan Kealey, Jeff Pearson, Ryan Peterson, Trish Timmons; and member staff and visitors, Jack Broz (Richfield), Charles Carlson (Met Transit), Steve Elkins (Met Council), Elie Farhat (Hennepin County), Joe Gladke (Hennepin County), Debbie Goettel (Hennepin County), Steve Hay (Minneapolis), Jarrett Hubbard (Scott County), Jen Lehmann (MVTA), Peter McLaughlin (Hennepin County), Joe Morneau (Dakota County), Michael Ohama (Hennepin County), Kim Larson (Bloomington), and Rob Vanasek (Capitol Hill Associates).

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m. by Chair Liz Workman.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were approved.

#### **Acceptance of Treasurer's Report**

Upon motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved subject to audit.

#### **County Transit Improvement Board Discussion**

Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, CTIB Chair, discussed the current status and future process (see handout).

#### **Nominations Committee for 2017 Officers**

The Nominations Committee Chair Tom Wolf proposed the same slate of officers from 2016: Chair-Liz Workman, Vice Chair-Tom Wolf, and Secretary/Treasurer-Gene Abbott. Upon motion made and seconded, the slate as proposed was approved for 2017.

#### **Legislative Counsel and Budget**

Upon motion made and seconded, Rob Vanasek of Capitol Hill Associates, Inc., will be retained as lobbyist for a period of two years beginning January 1, 2017, for a fee of \$39,000 per year including expenses, and that the chair of the board prepare and execute a contract to effectuate this.

The Alliance affirms that the Alliance 2017 total budget remains the same as approved in August 11, 2016, but the budget for lobbyist expenses be combined into the lobbyist fees and that subtotal amount be increased to a total of \$39,000 for 2017. In addition, the contingency will be reduced by \$600.

#### **Legislative Update**

Rob Vanasek presented the Legislative Report (see handout).

## **2017 Legislative Priorities**

The finalized 2017 Legislative Priorities will be added to the website.

## **Project Updates**

- 494 Corridor Commission – Steve Elkins noted that this month’s meeting has been postponed.
- I-35W Bridge over River – Ryan Peterson shared that Municipal Consent is being requested by Burnsville in February, and that this will be a design-build project.
- Orange Line/Federal Transportation Updates – Charles Carlson briefly discussed that the new administration’s annual funding report would probably be released later than usual (later April versus February) and how it affected the Orange Line New Starts.

## **Future Topics**

- Conversation with House Transportation Finance Chair Paul Torkelson next month

## **Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2017.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.