

CITY OF WATERLOO RAIL TASK FORCE MINUTES
WATERLOO MUNICIPAL BUILDING – POLICE TRAINING ROOM
April 29, 2010

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.** Task Force Chair Garret Perry called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members Representing Waterloo present: Mark Joslyn, Bill Dovi, Laura Cotting, Keri Sellnow, Lynn Sullivan & Tom Bergen, Todd Forman. Absent – Krista Rettig and Bob Thompson. Members Representing Marshall present: Marlin Hensler, Gene Davis, Shawn Arnold, Jeff Lowrey, Others present: Josh Bindl, Bill Springer, Amber Gerber of the Courier and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 14, 2010. Discussion:** Cotting suggested changes to the sequence of events under the section: Presentation of Project Background to Date. **Motion:** Perry asked for a consensus motion on adoption of the minutes with changes as noted by Cotting. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried.
3. **READING OF RESOLUTION 2010-08. Discussion:** The resolution was read. No further action taken.
4. **UPDATE ON FUTURE DOT MEETING. Discussion:** Hansen reported that the DOT's John Oimoen was requesting a meeting for the first week of May. Hensler reported that State Representative Ripp had said that DOT was first contacting communities with stations. No action taken.
5. **UPDATE ON COMMUTER RAIL. Discussion:** Perry shared reports on efforts in Madison. No action taken.
6. **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON ENGINEERS RAIL REPORT. Discussion:** Bergen asked if definitions were provided for the fence. He said Lichtenheld's report wasn't clear on that point. Perry replied that the Task Force may be able to be proactive by presenting ideas for details such as fence. Hensler also said Marshall did not have information on DOT plans. Cotting replied that DOT has information on its website for what they are planning and would provide a link to Hensler. Hensler expressed concerns for what would happen at crossings. Sellnow suggested that the documents to date were for the purposes of getting stimulus dollars. Bergen said Waterloo has a significant number of affected citizens along that track. No action taken.
7. **HOW TO OVERCOME NEGATIVE PERCEPTION. Discussion:** Perry stated a DOT perception that Waterloo may be difficult to work with. He asked for suggestions in address the misperceptions. Arnold said nobody has information as facts aren't available. Hensler stressed finding out what is going on. Bergen said people are apprehensive and scared and relayed a comment that DOT will do what DOT wants to do. Cotting noted a DOT contact with Mary Pamperin-Volk at a Glacial Heritage Area meeting and a County Traffic Safety Committee meeting, saying people were supportive of Waterloo. Hansen relayed examples of radio broadcasts where Waterloo was the butt of jokes about rail. Lowery highlighted fear of the unknown as a general community concern. Perry stressed getting the facts out. Sellnow noted a less-than-stellar Waterloo reputation with developers. No action taken.
8. **MARSHALL'S ADDITION TO PRIORITIES LIST. Discussion:** In noting Marshall's priorities, Hensler spoke generally of the similarities and difference between the two communities. He noted local project costs as a concern. Lowry also listed areas of commonality in reviewing the Waterloo priorities. It was suggested that Marshall draft a priorities list. No action taken.
9. **START OF FRAMING INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF PRIORITIES LIST. Note:** Perry at this time noted that the Council was going to closed session and asked if the body wanted to proceed or meeting again on May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. **By Consensus:** The body determined that it would adjourn at this time and meeting again on May 13th. **Voice Vote:** Motion carried. Approximate time: 7:30 p.m.
10. **ADJOURN. See above.**

Attest:

Morton Hansen
Clerk/Treasurer