

**MINUTES**  
**McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008, 4:00 P.M.**  
**GOVERNMENT CENTER, ROOM 404**  
**115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

**Members Present:**

Bernard Anderson, Chair; Carl Teichman, Vice-chair; Chris Brauer, Joe Butcher, Don Fernandes (late arrival following action items), Mary Jefferson, Jay Reece

**Members Absent:**

George Benjamin, Mark Klinger, Shane Rutherford

**Others Present:**

McLean County Regional Planning Commission: Paul Russell, Executive Director; Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner; Rick Nolan, Community Planner; Teresa Casselman, Office Manager. City of Bloomington: Kenneth Emmons, City Planner; Doug Grovesteen, Director of Engineering. Town of Normal: Lauren Sunkel, Associate Planner; Mike Hall, Public Works Director. McLean County: Mike Behary, County Planner. Town of Normal Planning Commission: Jeanne Moonan, Chair. Carl Olson, Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority.

**Call To Order:**

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and noted the absence of a quorum. Mr. Reece arrived later and provided a quorum for the action items.

**Regular Agenda:**

Consistency Review - Interchange West Subdivision

Mr. Grovesteen provided an overview of the Interchange West Subdivision. He explained the project involved a realignment of Enterprise Drive, and the Bloomington staff had no objections to the road realignment. Mr. Russell added that the street alignment modification would change the rating given from an E to a C. Ms. Brauer asked if there was any information about the commercial use of the tract. Mr. Grovesteen responded that a bus garage was the only known use at this time. Mr. Butcher moved to accept the consistency review. Ms. Jefferson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Amendment

Mr. Russell indicated the current fiscal year budget was proposed to be amended to reflect some significant unanticipated revenues and expenses. He explained recently passed legislation provided annual allocations to each Illinois Metropolitan Planning Organization to support regional planning. He reported the Commission received \$79,183 and indicated the same amount was expected next fiscal year. He also reported an additional \$10,000 in IDOT funds for a local vehicle crash data project. He indicated expense line items had also been revised. Mr. Russell explained the Executive Committee had approved the amendment. Ms. Jefferson moved to approve the FY2008 budget amendment. Mr. Butcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## Proposed Fiscal Year 2009 Unified Work Program and Budget

Mr. Russell provided an overview of the proposed FY2009 Unified Work Program. He explained the work program is required by IDOT as a means to account for the transportation funding received from them. He explained the other projects and the line item budget are also included to incorporate everything into one document.

He explained Section 1 of the work program presented the long-range work activities, Section 2 summarized the work program and proposed budget, and Section 3 provided a description of the transportation projects and funding for the annual IDOT contract.

Mr. Russell indicated new projects included 203, which was an undetermined comprehensive plan; 306, which involved maintaining the Human Services Transportation Plan; and 307, which would involve maintaining the Travel Demand Model once it is received from the East Side Highway Consultant. He explained GIS Coordination was an ongoing activity that this year included work with a consultant on a GIS needs analysis and strategic plan, the cost of which was reflected in the Professional Services line item. He added the total budget was about \$42,000 more than the current year, primarily due to the GIS plan. Mr. Russell explained the appendix gave a more detailed description and budget for each project.

Mr. Russell indicated the draft work program and budget had been approved by the Executive Committee and the Transportation Technical and Policy Committees. Mr. Teichman moved to approve the FY2009 work program and budget. Ms. Brauer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Mr. Anderson asked if any Commission members wished to remove items from the consent agenda; no requests for removal were made. Mr. Teichman moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Brauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Items of Information or Discussion:**

#### Information Forum

Mr. Russell reported the attendance at the Information Forum was approximately 90 people and said he thought the speaker was very good. He indicated most attendees seem to prefer the early morning breakfast format. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Teichman agreed the speaker was interesting. A discussion ensued about growth, the Las Vegas school situation, and impact fees. Ms. Brauer suggested impact fees might be considered as a topic for the next information forum.

#### Article from January 2008 issue of Urban Land

Mr. Anderson indicated the article highlighted the idea that truly livable design can be achieved with high density and trees. Mr. Russell added the author noted that Chicago's status as a world class city is due in large part to the city's density and open space.

### **Executive Session:**

Mr. Reece and Mr. Teichman called for an executive session to discuss the Executive Director's annual performance review and merit increase, and the open session was adjourned into executive session at 4:50 p.m. The executive session was adjourned and the open session resumed at 5:10 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The open session was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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Teresa Casselman  
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