

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006, 4:00 P.M.
GOVERNMENT CENTER, ROOM 404
115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

Don Fernandes, Chair; Scott Lay, Vice Chair; Bernard Anderson, Chris Brauer, Erin Elder, Shane Rutherford, Janet Smith, Carl Teichman.

Members Absent:

Mark Klinger, Jeff Kowalczyk, Joe Underwood

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission: Paul Russell, Executive Director; Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner; Rick Nolan, Community Planner; Bill Jackson, GIS Coordinator; Teresa Casselman, Office Manager. Town of Normal: Mercy Davison, City Planner. McLean County: Mike Behary, County Planner

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman Fernandes. Mr. Fernandes introduced Janet Smith, who was appointed to fill the remainder of John Hanson's term.

Consent Agenda:

Ms. Brauer moved the consent agenda be approved. Mr. Teichman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Intergovernmental Agreement to Host Geographic Information Computers

Mr. Russell indicated internet access to selected information in the GIS database was now available to the public, and an outside hosting service is being used on a temporary basis. An agreement has been proposed to provide for the County's permanent hosting of the system. He introduced Bill Jackson, GIS Coordinator, who gave an overview and demonstration of the public internet access. Mr. Jackson indicated the public access site was intended to provide general data layers and imagery for the public to use and provide feedback. He stated the site was intended to be basic and additional features would be added in the future. Mr. Russell indicated making changes currently resulted in additional charges, and Mr. Jackson added that once the hosting is in-house, we would have control and would not have programming charges. Mr. Fernandes asked what additional responsibilities the Commission would have in the agreement. Mr. Russell indicated that eliminating the hosting company and using the County to host the public site would result in eliminating monthly service and programming costs. He indicated the County is not charging us, but the Commission would be responsible for any hardware that would be required in maintaining the site.

Mr. Teichman moved the intergovernmental agreement be approved. Ms. Brauer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:Workshop on the Role of the RPC

Mr. Russell indicated that as a follow-up to comments by some members of the Commission and the Executive Committee, a workshop to better define the role of the Commission was being planned. He added that the city managers and county administrator participated in the restructuring of the Commission and have agreed to participate in the workshop. Mr. Fernandes added during discussions regarding Mr. Russell's evaluation, there had been some general comments about education and the role of the Commission and commissioners. Mr. Russell indicated that a date and time had not yet been set, but would possibly be scheduled for sometime early fall.

Spring 2006 Issue of Planning Commissioners Journal

Mr. Russell indicated that the focus of the current issue of the Journal was Town Centers. Mr. Anderson asked about the status of the development at G.E. Road and Towanda-Barnes Road which had been planned as a neighborhood center. Ms. Davison indicated that the Town Council saw the development as different and approved it, but it has progressed slowly.

Comprehensive Plans

Mr. Russell indicated both Bloomington and Normal Comprehensive Plans had been printed and were available to the Commissioners who would like copies.

July 2006 Meeting

Mr. Fernandes indicated the July Commission meeting was scheduled for the day after the July 4 holiday and indicated there was no anticipated agenda items. Mr. Anderson moved to suspend the July meeting. Ms. Elder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

Mr. Anderson moved that the Commission adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of a follow-up discussion regarding the Director's annual review. Mr. Lay seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

Adjournment:

The Commission adjourned from the Executive Session at 4:50 p.m., and immediately following, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Casselman
Office Manager