

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
RESCHEDULED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016, 4:00 P.M.
GOVERNMENT CENTER, ROOM 404
115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

Mary Jefferson, Chair; Michael Buragas, Vice-chair; Michael Gorman, Mary Kramp, Glen Ludwig, Carl Olson, Linda Olson, Tyler Wrezinski, Mark Wylie

Members Absent:

Carl Teichman

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission: Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; Melissa Dougherty-O'Hara, Planner; Jamal Smith, Assistant Planner; Khalid Hasan, GIS Director; Teresa Casselman, Office Manager; Christian Prenzler, Intern; Town of Normal: Mercy Davison, Planner; McLean County: Hira Aamir, Planner

Call To Order:

Ms. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Gorman moved the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ms. Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:

2017 Information Forum

Ms. Pinnamaraju explained Jamal Smith had researched potential speakers based on feedback from the last meeting. Mr. Smith indicated he had investigated Janette Sadik-Khan and Ed McMahon, both of whom had been suggested by Commission members. He indicated Janette Sadik-Khan had not responded to repeated contact. He said Mr. McMahon had responded to his request for information, and showed a video of one of Mr. McMahon's presentations. Mr. Wylie asked if Mr. McMahon could change his presentation based on local themes. Ms. Pinnamaraju said she has watched several of Mr. McMahon's presentations, and he does tailor them to his subject and audience.

Ms. Kramp suggested an emphasis on agriculture and local food. Ms. Pinnamaraju said Mr. McMahan should be able to address a variety of topics, including local food and current trends in planning.

Mr. Smith reported he had looked into communities who had participated in the USDOT's Smart Cities Challenge, especially Columbus, Ohio, who had won the competition. He indicated the Smart Cities Columbus team had indicated they were busy with other requests, and no response had yet been received from USDOT. Ms. Pinnamaraju said she would send the Commissioners videos by other teams who had applied for the Smart Cities Challenge.

Mr. Smith also highlighted Beth Noveck as a potential speaker, who could present on open, participatory government and smart cities. Mr. Ludwig said he liked Ms. Noveck's presentations, and Mr. Smith added he also found her interesting and thought-provoking.

Ms. Jefferson suggested the Commissioners review the presentation videos and email Ms. Pinnamaraju with their preferences. Ms. Pinnamaraju said the speaker needs to be chosen by the September meeting at the latest. Ms. Pinnamaraju said the office would provide more information and availability regarding Ed McMahan, Beth Noveck, and Jennifer Pahlka, and Ms. Jefferson asked the Commissioners to respond to the office with their suggestions by August 17.

Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act:

Personnel Matter

Ms. Jefferson asked for a motion to enter an executive session to discuss Ms. Pinnamaraju's annual review. Ms. Kramp moved to enter an executive session for that purpose. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and the Commission entered an executive session at 4:45 p.m. At 5:48 p.m., the Commission returned to regular session with no further discussion or action taken.

Adjournment:

Mr. Buragas moved for adjournment. Mr. Olson seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Casselman
Office Manager