

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017, 4:00 P.M.
GOVERNMENT CENTER, ROOM 404
115 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

Mary Jefferson, Chair; Michael Buragas, Vice-chair; Joseph Cleary, Michael Gorman, Mary Kramp, Glen Ludwig, Carl Teichman, Mark Wylie; Tyler Wrezinski

Members Absent:

Carl Olson, Linda Olson

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner; Jamal Smith, Assistant Planner; Daniel Handel, Assistant Planner; Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Town of Normal – Taylor Long, Assistant Planner; City of Bloomington – Melissa Dougherty-O’Hara, 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:

Ms. Jefferson recommended that the Director’s Report be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. Mr. Teichman moved the Director’s Report be moved to the Regular Agenda. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Teichman moved that the balance of the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Director’s Report

Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that she received a couple of questions from Ms. Olson about the information presented in her report and wanted to clarify. She noted that under “Health”,

Autism friendly communities was an example of a much broader perspective on health. She also clarified that under “Public Participation” Bloomington’s plan is a reflection of what was heard during the outreach process in Bloomington and Normal’s process is reflection of what was heard in Normal. Hence the difference in the subjects covered in those plans.

Mr. Gorman moved to approve the clarification of the Director’s Report. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resolution Supporting the Railbanking of Norfolk & Southern Railroad Right-of-Way from Mansfield, IL to Bloomington, IL (recommended adoption)

Ms. Pinnamaraju gave brief history about the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Right-of-Way vacation efforts. She stated that the Commission passed a resolution back in 2003 but the project did not go through for various reasons. Mr. Teichman asked if there was any cost attached to the resolution. Ms. Pinnamaraju said no. Ms. Kramp asked if there was a purchase cost. Ms. Pinnamaraju explained that this is just showing support for abandonment. Mr. Gorman asked what the long term use would be. Ms. Pinnamaraju said that it would eventually become a trail. Ms. Kramp then asked if there was a time table attached. Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that she was not aware of a time line.

Mr. Gorman moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:

GIS Presentation

Ms. Pinnamaraju gave a brief overview on GIS analysis for comprehensive planning and how it assists in prioritization of actions before turning it over to Mr. Handel for presentation. Mr. Handel presented different ways to compare quantitative data to qualitative goals of the comprehensive plan. His presentation included: link-node ratio, housing type diversity index, and walkability in Town of Normal. Mr. Handel and Ms. Pinnamaraju provided clarification throughout the process as questions were raised.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wylie moved for adjournment. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager