

MINUTES

**McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, June 7th, 2017, 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, Executive Committee Representative; Glen Ludwig; Linda Olson; Carl Teichman

Members Absent:

Tyler Wrezinski; Carl Olson; Mary Kramp; Mark Wylie; Joseph Cleary

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; Jamal Smith, Assistant Planner; Daniel Handel, Assistant Planner; Emily Lutz, Assistant Planner; Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Alexandra Ferrara, Intern; Town of Normal – Taylor Long, Associate Planner; Mercy Davison, Planner; Jackie Beckner, Safety & Wellness Coordinator; McLean County – Melissa Dougherty-O’Hara, Planner; McLean County Farm Bureau – Anna Ziegler, Assistant Manager; Public – Gretchen Monti; Sarah Sommer; Crista Jones; Jacob DeGeal

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

Regular Agenda:

Ms. Olson stated that she appreciated the Abbreviation list. Ms. Pinnamaraju agreed and stated that it would only get longer.

Draft FY2018 Unified Work Program

Ms. Pinnamaraju presented a brief summary of the Unified Work Program (UWP). She identified three key aspects on how the FY2018 UWP is different from years past. The deviation is particularly pronounced in Section 4 of the document that highlights the previous year’s achievements and clearly outlines the tasks for the upcoming year. She categorized this UWP as an attempt to increase agency accountability and align the workload to help local and state partners implement the recommendations of the long-range plans.

Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that MCRPC now has an approved FY17 Indirect Rate and will begin the process for FY18. Mr. Gorman inquired if the process will smoother this time around. Ms. Pinnamaraju hoped it would be. She followed up with a brief overview of the FY18 Indirect Rate Plan submission process with assistance from MAXIMUS, an accounting firm. Mr. Gorman asked for clarification that we are still under the FAST Act. Ms. Pinnamaraju responded in affirmation.

Mr. Gorman moved that the Fy2018 Unified Work Program be approved as presented. Mr. Teichman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Good to Go Commuter Challenge Awards

Ms. Pinnamaraju thanked Mr. Handel for all of his hard work on the project. She also thanked the Good to Go Committee who helped MCRPC and all of the participants. Mr. Handel then announced that there were 71 total participants and said that their names were entered into a raffle drawing. He then announced and presented awards in the three categories and the raffle winners.

Items of Information or Discussion:

Ms. Pinnamaraju thanked everyone who attended the BN Beyond event on June 6th. She also stated that if she receives any follow-up material she will forward it to the Commission.

Ms. Pinnamaraju also announced that the Information Forum Subcommittee met for the first time, but after looking at the bylaws it will have to go through a formal process of being appointed at the next meeting. Mr. Ludwig inquired if the Subcommittee can continue to meet before the next Commission meeting. Mr. Teichman stated that he would like the Subcommittee to continue to move forward. Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that as long as it is 3 members or less they can meet. The Commissioners agreed that this group should continue to meet as long as it is in compliance with OMA regulation. Mr. Ludwig then gave a brief presentation on the progress made during the Subcommittee's first meeting. Mr. Gorman inquired if the Subcommittee would choose the speaker for the next Forum. Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that at the next Commission meeting they would define the roles of the Subcommittee. Mr. Teichman interjected that an idea would be that the Subcommittee would weed through the potential speakers and then approach the Commission with their recommendations.

Ms. Olson inquired if there will be a Commission meeting in July. Ms. Jefferson stated that there will be no July meeting.

In other business, Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that (PARK)ing day (a new event for MCRPC) will be held in September. She also stated that Mr. Handel would be heading this event.

Mr. Ludwig stated that he thought the UWP was very well put together and was very helpful.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gorman moved for adjournment. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager