

## MINUTES

**McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, October 4th, 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; Joseph Cleary; Glen Ludwig; Carl Teichman; Mary Kramp; Carl Olson; Mark Wylie

**Members Absent:**

Linda Olson; Tyler Wrezinski

**Others Present:**

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner; Emily Lutz, Assistant Planner; Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Town of Normal – Mercy Davison, Town Planner; Taylor Long, Associate Planner; Public – Gretchen Monti, Observer for the League of Women Voters; Michael Brown, Ecology Action Center; Sam Walley, McLean County Legal Department; Thomas Bierman, Research Professor at ISU

**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 call for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Gorman moved for approval. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Regular Agenda:**

Resolution seeking adoption of the County's Personnel Policies and revoking the MCRPC Employee Handbook

Ms. Pinnamaraju explained that MCRPC has always followed the County's policies but also mentioned an Employee Handbook that was last updated in 2008. She said that this move gives MCRPC staff access to the County's Human Resources Department. She then thanked the County for their support.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adopt the County's Personnel Policies and revoke the MCRPC Employee Handbook. Mr. Teichman moved to adopt. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

### Information Forum Subcommittee Update

Mr. Teichman explained that MCRPC staff has started reaching out to the Mayors of Kansas City, Kansas and Columbus, Ohio but have not heard back yet. Ms. Pinnamaraju updated the Commission about a request she received for more information from Mayor Ginther's office (Mayor of Columbus, Ohio). She then stated MCRPC staff will continue to follow up with these cities.

### Community Solid Waste Plan Presentation

Ms. Pinnamaraju welcomed Mr. Brown from the Ecology Action Center (EAC) to present the new Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Brown started his presentation with a background on the EAC, waste removal, and recycling. He then identified six new waste management priorities of the new plan: 1) commercial recycling, 2) construction and demolition recycling, 3) multifamily recycling, 4) food waste recycling, 5) permanent household hazardous waste facility, and 6) increased outreach and technical assistance. Mr. Brown explained that at the October 5<sup>th</sup> County's Land Use Committee the 90 day public comment period will open. Any written comments can be submitted through the County Clerk's office. Mr. Brown provided clarification throughout the presentation as questions were raised.

### LRTP Presentation

Ms. Sicks updated the commission on the LRTP draft. MCRPC will post the draft on October 10<sup>th</sup> for seven weeks of public comment and review. Any comments can be submitted to Ms. Sicks. Ms. Sicks also stated that she will be available to speak in front of other groups. She provided clarification throughout the presentation as questions were raised.

### That which may arise

Ms. Pinnamaraju provided information about the upcoming Greenways Conference. She also encouraged the commission to attend the Town of Normal 2040 Comprehensive Plan information presentation on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment:**

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Teichman moved for adjournment. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jordan Brown  
Office Manager