

MINUTES

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 7th, 2018, 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; Mary Kramp; Glen Ludwig; Mark Wylie;

Members Absent:

Joseph Cleary; Linda Olson; Carl Teichman; Carl Olson

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Daniel Handel, Assistant Planner; Jennifer Sicks, Planner; Vasudha Pinnamaraju, Executive Director; McLean County – Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning; City of Bloomington – Jennifer Toney, Grants Coordinator; Town of Normal – Mercy Davison, Planner; Taylor Long, Associate 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 called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as with the noted correction to the minutes. Mr. Gorman moved for approval. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda:

Consistency Review – Breezewood Solar by Cypress Creek

Mr. Dick gave a brief presentation of the consistency review and where the property was located. Ms. Kramp inquired where the power would be used. Mr.

Dick responded that it would be integrated in the grid. Ms. Jefferson asked for clarification as to why they couldn't put the solar farm up before this review. Mr. Dick explained that since the land was zoned residential, rezoning to agriculture was the necessary first step.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve the consistency review for Breezewood Solar by Cypress Creek. Mr. Wylie moved for approval. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of MCRPC Strategic Priorities

Ms. Pinnamaraju gave an overview of the strategic priorities and highlighted a few major changes. Ms. Kramp inquired if other agencies would contribute resources for rural planning. Ms. Pinnamaraju responded that there are some resources that are state wide but none dedicated to McLean County.

Ms. Pinnamaraju stated that MCRPC has not done much with housing the past few decades, but hoped that to be changing. She then provided a breakdown of specific areas that MCRPC will be focusing on. Ms. Jefferson inquired if there will be enough staff for the new projects. Ms. Pinnamaraju indicated that staff input was involved in the formation of the strategic priorities and timeline. She clarified that additional help will be hired on temporary basis as need arises. She then concluded that the next step would be an action plan through the UWP followed by resource development for new projects that do not yet have funding.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve MCRPC Strategic Priorities for FY2019 – FY2023. Ms. Kramp moved for approval. Mr. Buragas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of MCRPC Style Guide

Ms. Pinnamaraju gave a brief overview of the style guide and why MCRPC staff sought out to have one created now. Ms. Kramp questioned if the logo has changed to white. Ms. Pinnamaraju and Ms. Sicks both indicated that it was white on the front of the style guide due to the location and color of the background.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve the MCRPC Style Guide. Mr. Buragas moved for approval. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:

City of Bloomington CDBG

Ms. Toney provided an overview of the City of Bloomington's CDBG 2018-2019 Action Plan. She then provided clarification throughout the process as questions were raised.

Town of Normal CDBG

Mr. Long provided an overview of the Town of Normal's CDBG 2018-2019 Action Plan. He then provided clarification throughout the process as questions were raised

That which may arise

Mr. Ludwig commented positively on Ms. Pinnamaraju's presentation at ISU's Academy of Seniors Program.

Adjournment:

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wylie moved for adjournment. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager