

MINUTES

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 2nd, 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; Carl Teichman

Members Absent:

Joseph Cleary; Linda Olson; Carl Olson; Mark Wylie; John Burrill

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Daniel Handel, Planner; Jennifer Sicks, Planner; Vasudha Gadhiraju, Executive Director; Lauren Gibson, Planner; Emily Lutz, Assistant Planner; City of Bloomington – Melissa Hon, Assistant to the City Manager; Town of Normal – Taylor Long, Associate Planner; League of Women Voters – Gretchen Monti

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 presented. Mr. Teichman moved for approval. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Gadhiraju announced that Ms. Lutz and Mr. Handel will be leaving MCRPC to move to the Portland area and wished them good luck. She also welcomed Ms. Gibson to MCRPC staff.

Regular Agenda:

Adoption of the Regional Housing Committee

Ms. Gadhiraju gave a brief background on the project and turned it over to Ms. Gibson for a brief presentation. Ms. Gibson talked about the makeup of the committee and the groups within the committee. One of the groups will be a staff committee who will

prepare a regional consolidated plan for Bloomington and Normal CDBG programs, prepare a regional assessment of fair housing (AFH), and act as the conduit between local housing efforts and state and federal housing agencies (IHDA, HUD, etc), and many other tasks. The other groups will serve in advisory capacity. The advisory groups are expected to bring their expertise to the table and participate actively in meetings, identify opportunities for collaboration, identify barriers and potential actions to achieve the regional housing goals, and provide input and support. Ms. Gibson and Ms. Gadhiraju provided clarification throughout the process as questions were raised.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve the adoption of the Regional Housing Committees. Mr. Gorman moved for approval. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IDOT Performance Management Transit Agreement

Ms. Sicks gave a brief presentation about this agreement. She highlighted some of the main points: 1) SHOW Bus and Connect Transit are required to provide data to MCRPC and 2) MCRPC's projects already align with the agreement. Ms. Gadhiraju indicated that the data will eventually be presented in a dashboard format. Mr. Gorman inquired if there were any new projects that would come out of this agreement. Ms. Gadhiraju responded no. She then explained that this agreement formalizes the process that is already in place. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve the IDOT Performance Management Transit Agreement. Mr. Teichman moved for approval. Mr. Ludwig seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:

Information Forum: Mr. Teichman asked commissioners for feedback on what was good about the forum and how to make it better in the upcoming years. Discussion ensued.

Information Forum: Proposed change to the subcommittee membership

Mr. Teichman indicated that he would like to have a debriefing session with the subcommittee before they bring a proposal to the commission. Everyone agreed.

Bike Counter Project:

Mr. Handel gave a brief presentation to the Bike Counter Project that MCPRC has been working on. He indicated the types of counters that will be used and where they will be located. He then provided clarification throughout the presentation as questions arose.

BN Vitals

Ms. Gadhiraju explained briefly about BN Advantage and MCRPC's role on indicators and metrics. She then showed the commission the data dashboard that will be rolling out in

the next few months. She then provided clarification throughout the presentation as questions arose.

That which may arise

None.

Adjournment:

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buragas moved for adjournment. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager