

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, August 1st, 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; John Burrill; Jim Fruin; Mary Kramp; Carl Olson; Linda Olson; Carl Teichman; Mark Wylie

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

McLean County Regional Planning Commission - Jordan Brown, Office Manager; Jennifer Sicks, Planner; Vasudha Gadhiraju, Executive Director; Lauren Gibson, Community Planner; Alyssa Cooper, Community Planner; Teresa Anderson, Assistant Planner; Town of Normal – Mercy Davison, Planner; League of Women Voters – Gretchen Monti

Call To Order:

Ms. Jefferson called the meeting to order at 4:01 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. Burrill moved for approval. Mr. Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Jefferson welcomed everyone in the audience and welcomed Mr. Fruin to the Commission. Mr. Fruin then briefly introduced himself. Ms. Jefferson then announced that Mr. Cleary has resigned from the Commission. Ms. Gadhiraju took a moment to introduce three new staff members to MCRPC. All three staff members briefly introduced themselves.

Regular Agenda:Information Forum Subcommittee: Topic Recommendation: Autonomous Vehicles

Mr. Teichman gave a brief update on the subcommittee and a background on the topic (Autonomous Vehicles) the subcommittee has chosen.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to approve Autonomous Vehicles as the topic for the 2019 Community Information Forum. Mr. Teichman moved for approval. Ms. Kramp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion to move the Executive Session after Items of Discussion

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to move item 6 – Executive Session to after item 7 – Items of Information or Discussion. Mr. Buragas moved for approval. Mr. Teichman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Items of Information or Discussion:MCRPC Website Discussion

Ms. Gadhiraju announced that this item will have to be moved to the September meeting. When the packet was sent out, MCRPC staff believed that the website would be ready for the commission to view, but after seeing the website this was not the case. Mr. Olson inquired if there were any complications. Ms. Gadhiraju clarified that there were not any complications but MCRPC staff wanted to make sure everything was addressed before presenting to the commission.

VISIONS Newsletter

Ms. Gadhiraju announced that the VISIONS newsletters are back after a hiatus and they will be published a couple times a year. Ms. Kramp inquired who receives the newsletters. Ms. Gadhiraju clarified that anyone who has signed up via the MCRPC website to receive electronic newsletters has received them. MCRPC staff is no longer mailing them out due to the price of postage. Ms. Olson inquired who was writing the articles. Ms. Gadhiraju stated that it was staff who are working on those projects that are writing the articles.

Executive Session:

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to enter the executive session. Mr. Buragas moved to enter the executive session. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion, and the meeting entered the executive session at 4:14 p.m.

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to exit the executive session. Mr. Teichman moved to exit the executive session. Mr. Olson seconded the motion, and the meeting exited the executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Mr. Teichman made a motion to approve a 2.5% salary increase for Ms. Gadhiraju with an increase of vacation time to four weeks per year. Mr. Gorman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Ms. Jefferson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wylie moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Olson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Brown
Office Manager