

PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Present: Cindy Wermuth (Chairman), Bill Fitzsimmons (Vice Chairman), John Wetzel, Brandy Howe, Matt Puck, Mike Crotty, Jeff Nelson, Dennis Kelly, Pete McDermott, Dan McConaghy

Absent: Butch Trevor

Staff: Ray Forsythe, Jeff Anderson, Shawn Christ, Anamaria Vera

Others:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wermuth called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Reading and approval of Minutes – June 8, 2016

Motion made by Commissioner Wetzel; seconded by Commissioner Puck, to approve the minutes for June 8, 2016 as amended to correct on page 2, “Vice Chairman Fitzsimmons also inquired about noise levels after the construction of the new I-74 bridge.” Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public hearing. PC 16-01: Public hearing to consider the Update to the 2014 Comprehensive Riverfront Plan – Riverfront Transportation Plan. (Jeff Anderson, City Planner)

Jeff Anderson, City Planner, began the public hearing by noting that PC 16-01 is to consider an Update to the 2014 Comprehensive Riverfront Plan known as the Riverfront Transportation Plan (“Plan”). Mr. Anderson stated the public notice for PC 16-01 was published in the Dispatch on June 5, 2016 and requested the Secretary enter the Memo with all attachments into the record. Mr. Anderson provided a recap of the June 8, 2016 meeting, wherein the Plan was discussed in detail and noted that the title of the Plan had been changed to Moving Moline Forward.

Mr. Anderson highlighted the River Drive plan to IL-92, noting more can be done to make the roads more desirable. Mr. Anderson noted that although there is not a designated State truck route, the preferred truck route can be identified through the Plan in order to improve truck circulation and establish key streets that support truck traffic. Mr. Anderson also discussed the planned multi-use path along 4th Avenue as well as the Great River Trail.

Mr. Anderson briefly discussed the market perspective of downtown Moline, as well as urban design concepts and methods by which the City can animate a public realm with activities like the summer concert series and races to populate the downtown area. Mr. Anderson noted that some of the goals within Floreciente are to improve walkability as well as traffic calming while some of the goals for Edgewater are a patchwork of different activities and moving traffic to IL-92.

Mr. Anderson then read aloud a letter of support of the Plan provided by Janet Mathis, CEO/President of Renew Moline and requested the Secretary enter the letter into the record. Mr. Anderson also gave a brief overview of current activities with support from MetroLINK.

Discussion took place with regard to the Plan details. Mr. Anderson stated the specifics would get more refined as the Plan goes forward.

Motion made by Commissioner Fitzsimmons; seconded by Commissioner Puck, to approve the Update to the 2014 Comprehensive Riverfront Plan – Moving Moline Forward as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Review of upcoming meetings

Shawn Christ, Land Development Manager, stated there is no upcoming business for the July 13 meeting and stated the meeting would be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 27. Mr. Christ noted that updated By-Laws were included in the agenda packet to all Commissioners. Mr. Christ also mentioned City Council recently approved a 2-year contract extension with Thomas Skorepa, Zoning Hearing Officer. Mr. Anderson also informed the Commissioner's that an open house was taking place regarding Garfield School Senior Residences today from 5:30-8:00pm at Garfield School.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anamaria M. Vera, Administrative Secretary