



**City of Moline
Plan Commission & Project Management Team
Special Joint Meeting
PMT Notes**

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
WIU-QC
3300 River Drive, Riverfront Hall, Room 111
Moline, IL

PMT Members Present: Gerald Butts, PMT Member
Dave Parker, Alderman
Lori Turner, Alderman

PMT Members Absent: Dr. Joe Rives, WIU, Renew Appointee, PMT Chairman
Scott Raes, Mayor
Kevin Schoonmaker, Alderman
Stephanie Acri, Alderman-at-Large
Greg Derrick, Deere & Company Appointee
Steve Nelson, WIU Board of Trustees Appointee

Staff: Ray Forsythe, City of Moline, Planning & Development Director
Jeff Anderson, City of Moline, City Planner
Shawn Christ, City of Moline, Land Development Manager - Zoning
Suzanne Chevalier, Renew Moline, Office Operations Director
Kyle Burke, Renew Moline, Communication Consultant

Other: Anissa Wanat, Global Communities, Project Director
Members of Plan Commission
Mike Wendt, Alderman
Special Guests

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2016, Plan Commission Meeting and was seconded. Motion carried.
- **Presentation of the Riverfront Transportation Plan – Jeff Anderson, City Planner**
 - Jeff Anderson introduced Christine Carlyle and Teresa Fourche, consultants from Solomon Cordwell and Buenz, who will be presenting the plan to the Plan Commission and the PMT.

- Christine thanked everyone who was attending today's meeting for the presentation on Moving Moline Forward, Urban Design & Transportation Update to the 2014 Comprehensive Riverfront Plan at the special joint meeting.
- She stated that this plan is an effort by the City of Moline and numerous stakeholders to transform the neighborhoods in the Edgewater, Floreciente, and Moline Centre areas. This Plan will update all preceding plans by providing new ideas for these Riverfront neighborhoods.
- This Plan has a strong transportation focus by revising and revisiting current and future land use, transportation concerns and issues related with the growing WIU-QC Campus, The Q, the new I-74 bridge and the growing development in downtown Moline.
- Christine reported that this plan developed some initial transportation strategies with innovative ideas for the Riverfront neighborhoods.
- Christine stated that the community engagement for this new plan was critical to their development of this plan.
- They recommend that the City of Moline create a new Street Hierarchy Map, reflecting the role of each street within the grid for all modes of transportation, including pedestrians, as proposed on page 13 of the Plan.
- Teresa Fourche presented the Transportation Overview portion of the plan stating that they wanted to take a moment to discuss a few specific transportation issues and recommendations for transportation design and usage. She says the current design allows for vehicles to move with ease thru downtown; however, there exists a need for expansion of safe transportation usage for bicyclist and pedestrians, as well as motor vehicles. There is a vital need to improve the connection between Riverfront neighborhoods for residents and visitors by various methods of transportation.
- An overall concern addressed by the stakeholders was the speeding that happens along IL-92 and River Drive and an immediate need for traffic calming in this area. The one-way traffic along IL-92 allows for faster traffic and River Drive's easy access to I-74 is another direct correlation to the high volume of traffic and high speed along this road. Also reconfiguring truck circulation in these areas would greatly improve circulation and reduce the current conditions that allow for high speed. Several different scenarios were discussed.
- Other key issues that were addressed:
 - 4th Avenue Multi-Use Path
 - Conversion of IL-92 from a one-way to a two-way traffic in Floreciente
 - I-74 Bridge Reconstruction
 - Railroad – both freight and The Q, passenger rail
 - Pedestrian and Bike network
 - Parking and Wayfinding

➤ **Public Comments**

- Several members from the Plan Commission addressed their concerns with changing IL-92 to a two way. Wanting to know how this would happen and how is this being addressed with Rock Island. Jeff stated that there have been discussions and a study done on the feasibility of this proposal and that everyone realizes there will need to be further discussions and studies before this is implemented. In addition, there were a few concerns on the impact on of the new I-74 bridge reconstruction and how that will affect



the flow of traffic and the new land that will be available. Ray Forsythe stated that these are issues they will continue to re-evaluate as this project continues to develop. Christine responded that they are aware that there are a lot of issues with IL 92 and they are working through the issues and concerns.

- **Adjourned:** The PMT meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzanne Chevalier
Office Operations Director, Renew Moline