

**MINUTES
BLOOMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015, 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
109 EAST OLIVE STREET, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Barnett, Mr. Cornell, Mr. Suess, Mr. Protzman, Mr. Scritchlow, Mr. Stanczak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Balmer, Mr. Pearson, Ms. Schubert

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. George Boyle, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner
Ms. Vasu Pinnamaraju, Executive Director of McLean County Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mark Woolard, City Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Stanczak called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Woolard called the roll. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Patricia Marton, stated her work on the Public Safety Committee was a most rewarding experience in meeting those who help run the city and sharing their personal views on a first hand basis. The County Administrator is working on training modules that will enable different cultures and age groups to interact together more successfully. If the city establishes a public safety committee she hopes she could participate in it.

MINUTES: The Commission reviewed the July 22, 2015, minutes and had no changes. Mr. Scritchlow moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Protzman seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

REGULAR AGENDA:

A. Vote on recommending the City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan to the City Council

Chairman Stanczak stated we have had a public hearings at two separate meetings. Ms. Pinnamaraju stated since the June draft of the plan they made text amendments but nothing major and for typos or grammar. They made changes after receiving 62 comments from working group members and the public. The final draft includes all of these changes as well as changes recommended by the Planning Commission. It is in final form and ready to recommend approval to the city council.

Mr. Scritchlow thanked all of the people who helped and stated the regional planning staff has done a phenomenal job. Chairman Stanczak concurred and stated it was a massive effort and the amount of public participation is the key to making this everything people want it to be.

Mr. Protzman moved that we recommend the Comprehensive Plan to the City Council. Mr. Cornell seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 6 to 0 with the following votes being cast

on roll call: Mr. Scritchlow-yes; Mr. Cornell-yes; Mr. Suess-yes; Mr. Protzman-yes; Mr. Barnett-yes; Mr. Stanczak-yes.

Chairman Stanczak stated that although Mr. Balmer could not be here he recommended the Comprehensive Plan to the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Woolard provided commissioners a copy of the new ordinance pertaining to public comment. This may be useful in a future draft of the by-laws.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come to the Bloomington Planning Commission's attention, Mr. Barnett moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Suess supported the motion which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Woolard, City Planner

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