

MINUTES

McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MCRPC) Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2022, 4:00 P.M.

McLean County Law & Justice Center

104 W. Front St, Bloomington, Illinois

Room 702 and Virtual

Members Present:

John Burrill, Chairperson; Carl Teichman, Vice-Chairperson; Stan Gozur*; Dr. Charles Irwin*; Jim Fruin; Jennifer Langley; Ron Lesser*; Bart Bittner

Members Absent:

Michael Pettorini; Tony Morstatter; Carl Olson

Others Present:

MCRPC Staff – Raymond Lai; Jennifer Sicks; Greg Huss; Tania Barreto; Anthony Yamzon; Katie McShane*

Others – Laura Dick, SHOW BUS; Jacob Smith, Connect Transit; Philip Dick, McLean County Building & Zoning*

*Attended Virtually

1. Call To Order:

Mr. Burrill called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted the presence of a quorum.

2. Attendance:

See above

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Consent Agenda:

- A.** Minutes of the November 2, 2022 Commission meeting
- B.** Financial Reports
- C.** MCRPC Staff Report

Mr. Burrill called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Bittner moved for approval. Mr. Fruin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda:

- a. Items removed from the Consent Agenda (if any)

None

6. Items for Information or Discussion:

a. SHOW BUS Presentation

Ms. Dick presented a PowerPoint presentation on SHOW BUS, she talked about the funding, history, activities, and some major impacts from COVID-19. [PowerPoint available for review at the office]

Q & A Followed the Presentation:

1. Q: When did Laura start with SHOW BUS?

A: 2001

2. Q: Can local citizen help push for funding on a local level?

A: Downstate Operating Assistance Program (DOAP) funding from the state is phenomenal. Townships are very generous, and McLean County provides lots of expertise about grants and many other aspects.

[Carl Teichman and Laura Dick left at 4:50PM]

b. Regional Housing Initiative update

Mr. Lai spoke about Salvation Army Homeless Shelter reopening for in-take on November 14. Winter months are causing shelters to be overcrowded. MCRPC staff is part of a sub-committee regarding making warming centers more available during extreme low temperatures.

The 2022 white paper for "Income-Qualified Housing Issue 2: Type of Units and Vouchers" has been approved by the Regional Housing Staff Committee and posted on MCRPC website. Currently, data shows that McLean County has 2,435 income qualified housing units and 640 housing choice vouchers.

The second round of Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund is open until January 31, 2023 by IHDA. Applicants may apply to receive up to \$30,000 in assistance. Applicants who applied in the first round, may apply again.

Mr. Burrill asked if the information is available on our website or IDHA's website. Mr. Lai explained it is on IDHA's website.

c. Vision Zero/Go:Safe McLean County Action Plan Project update

Mr. Lai advised that MCRPC staff is working on the grant agreements with IDOT for the Bike and Pedestrian safety grant and a transportation safety grant MCRPC was awarded. Staff should hear about the federal SS4A grant application in January.

d. 2023 Meeting Dates

Included in the agenda packet was a document with the 2023 Commission meeting dates on it.

e. That Which May Arise

Mr. Lai indicated that MCRPC is currently hiring an Assistant Planner position, after Ana Mendoza got a job working for McLean County IT.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Burrill called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bittner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fruin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McShane
Office Manager/Executive Assistant