

## MINUTES

### McLEAN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MCRPC) Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 2025, 4:00 P.M.

115 E Washington St, Bloomington, Illinois

Room 404 and Virtual

#### Members Present:

Carl Teichman, Chairperson; Jim Fruin, Vice-Chairperson; Bart Bittner; Ron Lesser; John Burrill; Carl Olson; Fred Grieder

#### Members Absent:

Amy Roser; Katie Rudder; Mark Wylie

#### Others Present:

MCRPC Staff – Raymond Lai; Thomas Valencia; Luke Talavera; Jake Crevoiserat; Katie McShane\*

Others – Bill Wasson, Friends of the Constitution Trail; Phil Dick, McLean County\*

\*Attended Virtually

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#### 1. Call To Order:

Mr. Teichman 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:

1. Minutes of the May 7, 2025, Commission meeting
2. Financial Reports
3. MCRPC Staff Report

Mr. Teichman called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Bittner moved for approval. Mr. Burrill 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. Presentation: Friends of the Constitution Trail (Bill Wasson, Vice President)**

Mr. Wasson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Friends of the Constitution Trail. He provided details on the type of responsibilities the Friends of the Constitution Trail have, how they assist the government and the community, and how they promote safety on the trail. [PowerPoint available at the office for review]

Mr. Teichman asked if there is a plan for e-bikes and scooters on the Constitution Trail. Mr. Wasson stated this is currently a hot topic. As a community, we need to understand them better and get educated on them. Friends of the Constitution Trail has bought and donated speed radar equipment to use to see if there is a speed issue on the trail.

There was a brief discussion about the trail being seen as a value to the quality of life for the community.

### **b. Housing Coordinator – RISE Implementation grant update: (Raymond Lai)**

Mr. Lai updated on the progress of the hiring process for the Housing Coordinator. Mr. Lai is working with Human Resources and Administration to start the process. The position will be a contracted employee, so an RFP process needs to take place and first needs to be approved by the County Board. Mr. Lai is working with DCEO on the agreement which should be done around August or September.

### **c. Regional Housing Initiatives update (Luke Talavera)**

Mr. Talavera explained that MCRPC Staff have been working on a new white paper that discusses mapping out locations in the county that are in higher need of affordable housing based on demographic data such as age, race, education attainment, income and etc. Staff is also working on collecting documents to submit to the Town of Normal for the 2025 CDBG Agreement.

Staff has attended the Unhoused Taskforce meeting hosted by Center for Human Services on May 27 and will attend their Housing Coalition meeting on June 5 at Bloomington Public Library. Staff also attended an onboarding training for the RISE Implementation Grant hosted by DCEO.

### **d. Human Services Transportation Plan update (Jennifer Sicks)**

Jennifer Sicks is out of the office today. Mr. Lai advised the next Region 6 Joint Committee meeting will be June 16 with the other Counties. On July 1, Connect Transit will take over rural transit service in McLean County. Connect plans to do some public engagement to help the transition from SHOW BUS. MCRPC is helping in the transition.

### **e. GO:Safe McLean County Action Plan update (Jennifer Sicks)**

Jennifer Sicks is out of the office today. Mr. Lai explained the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the SS4A grant met last Friday. The survey and interaction mapping tool are

available from the start of the public engagement. The press release was issued today. Next PSC meeting will be June 27, with stakeholder meetings will begin soon.

f. Veterans Parkway Corridor Plan update (Raymond Lai)

Mr. Lai advised the next PSC meeting for the RAISE grant will be Friday, June 13. This extended meeting will include a workshop by the consultants. The grant is currently entering the phase 3 of the project, there are 4 phases. This phase is the longest of the 4 phases.

g. Strategic Land Use Plan (Raymond Lai)

Mr. Lai explained that Anthony is currently at the City of Bloomington Planning Committee meeting presenting on the Strategic Land Use Plan (SLUP). Staff has been working with City and Town staff on the plan. Public comment period will begin in June, with a plan completion date anticipated in July 2025.

h. That Which May Arise

Mr. Lai advised that MCRPC Staff will be at the National Trails Day on Saturday to promote the SS4A survey. He also explained that MCRPC Staff, along with IDOT, are hosting the upcoming Freight Summit on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomington Public Library.

**7. Adjournment:**

Mr. Teichman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bittner moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Burrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie McShane  
Office Manager/Executive Assistant