



Champaign County Board
Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC)
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED 8/4/16

DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2016
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present	Absent
Aaron Esry (Chair)	
	C. Pius Weibel (Vice Chair)
Astrid Berkson	
Stan Harper	
Patti Petrie	
Jon Schroeder	

County Staff: Rick Snider (County Administrator), John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Brian Nolan (Recording Secretary)
Others Present: Susan Monte (Regional Planning Commission)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esry called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda and Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve the agenda as distributed; seconded by Ms. Petrie. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. ELUC Committee meeting – May 5, 2016

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 ELUC meeting as distributed; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

None

VII. For Information Only

A. Update regarding assistance to Wilber Heights

Ms. Monte reported that the Champaign County Highway Engineer, the Somer Township Highway Commissioner and the City of Champaign Engineer met to discuss the feasibility of engineering improvements for Wilber Avenue and applying for and implementing an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Jurisdictional Transfer. Each party present was reluctant to accept IDOT Jurisdictional Transfers. The County Highway Engineer noted that Wilber Avenue does not meet typical county highway profile and standards. The Somer Township Highway Commissioner indicated that no funds are available for reconstruction costs, and the Motor Fuel Tax funds available to the township are not sufficient to cover long-term maintenance costs. The City of Champaign Engineer acknowledged that approximately one-third of Wilber Avenue is within City of Champaign corporate limits, but is unsure how the City of Champaign can contribute to the project.

Ms. Monte noted that political pressure to increase the IDOT Jurisdiction Transfer is unlikely to be successful. Until a local highway authority is willing to accept Wilber Avenue, there does not seem to be a feasible way to improve Wilber Avenue or to improve the drainage conditions in the Wilber Heights Subdivision.

Staff recommends that a final newsletter be mailed prior to the August 2016 ELUC Meeting so as to make residents and businesses aware of the situation. It is then recommended that the ELUC Committee make a formal decision regarding cessation of continuation of work on this project at the August 2016 ELUC meeting.

Ms. Petrie asked if the location of the fire department on Wilber Avenue brings an urgency of public safety to this project if Wilber Avenue becomes unusable to the fire department. Additionally, Ms. Petrie noted that the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District may be able to utilize political pressure in order to keep this project moving forward.

Mr. Hall asked if the Eastern Prairie Fire Protection District is considering relocating due to the condition of Wilber Avenue. Ms. Monte noted that she has not heard of any relocation plans and noted that she can follow up with the chief of the fire protection district. Mr. Schroder recommended contacting Senator Bennet about the issue since Wilber Avenue is in his district. Ms. Petrie noted that she is willing to pursue political pressure in order to continue work on this project.

Mr. Harper asked if Clifford-Jacobs Forging uses Wilber Heights for its business operations and asked if they are willing to contribute any resources for reconstruction costs. Ms. Monte confirmed that Clifford-Jacobs uses Wilber Avenue, but is unsure of their support for the project.

Mr. Schroeder asked if a multi-governmental transfer can be utilized to complete this project. Mr. Hall noted that the project is not far enough along to ask the governing bodies associated with Wilber Avenue for funds.

B. FY2016 County Planning Contract Status Update

Ms. Monte reported that the County Planning Contract is approximately 43% complete for FY2016. Of the 10 items in the FY2016 work plan, five are completed, three are in progress and two are pending.

Ms. Petrie asked for an explanation in regards to the remaining five hours in the administration task of the planning contract. Ms. Monte explained that the remaining hours are used for preparing

the following fiscal year's planning contract.

C. *Update Regarding Response to the May 21 Countywide Residential Electronics Collection*

Ms. Monte noted that the amount of televisions and monitors exceeded expectations and the budgeted amount for the event. Ten semi-trailers were used in the event when eight trailers were included in the budget. The additional trailers will cost \$5,000 and will be split between the participating governing units who participated in the event. Champaign County will pay approximately \$1,800 for the extra trailers.

In preparation for the October collection, event organizers will implement an online and phone-in reservation system, limit the number of televisions to two per vehicle, and limit the event to Champaign County residents.

Ms. Petrie asked what progress is being made on the state level to alleviate problems with local electronics collections. Ms. Monte noted that local governing units, electronics manufacturers and recycling entities continue to discuss solutions at the state level. No solution has been identified. Ms. Petrie asked if there is data available for the number of televisions that are found abandoned in rural areas along roads and fields. Ms. Monte explained that data is not available.

D. *Leadership team to address the need to improve household hazardous waste collection options in Champaign County*

Ms. Monte reported that CCRPC staff will recruit volunteers to serve on a leadership team in order to improve household hazardous waste collections. The leadership team will seek funding sources for establishing a collection event or facility.

Ms. Petrie asked how leadership team affiliations were determined. Ms. Monte explained that collection of household hazardous waste is a statewide problem and it was determined a leadership team comprised of all stakeholders at the local level should be involved.

E. *SB 325 – Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force*

Ms. Monte reported that the Mahomet Aquifer Protection Task Force will be appointed by the Governor to identify current and potential threats to the water source deep beneath central Illinois counties and to develop a plan to maintain its integrity.

F. *Update regarding new requirements for the MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit Program*

Mr. Hall reported that the update includes new, specific minimum requirements for the permit program that were previously generically stated. Some of the updates will include costs to Champaign County, but Mr. Hall is unsure of specific costs at this point in time. Champaign County will likely develop a cooperative program with additional MS4 entities to develop a cost sharing and implementation plan.

Ms. Petrie asked for clarification of the MS4 program and why there isn't one MS4 program for all of Champaign County. Mr. Hall noted that MS4 requirements apply to all local governing units within Champaign County, and local governing units collaborate on their MS4 programs whenever possible. Ms. Petrie asked if local governing units can establish an intergovernmental agreement to

reduce overlapping work and responsibilities. Mr. Hall explained that there is no overlapping work between governing units because each governing unit has different responsibilities.

Mr. Schroder commented that Champaign County does not have the resources for the implementation and enforcement of the mounting requirements of the MS4 program.

VIII. Items to Receive & Place on File by ELUC Committee to Allow for 60 day Review Period

A. *FY2017 County Planning Contract Proposal*

Ms. Monte reported that the document is still being developed, but the proposal includes continuing work on LRMP implementation tasks such as hazardous mitigation plan implementation and coordination of recycling and household hazardous waste collection efforts. Ms. Monte noted that the planning contract will return to the committee in August and welcomes all comments from committee members until that point in time.

Ms. Petrie asked for the planning contract to be revised for better budget planning.

MOTION by Mr. Esry to accept and place on file the FY2017 County Planning Contract Proposal to Allow for a 60 Day Review Period.

IX. Items to be Approved by ELUC

A. *Recreation & Entertainment License: Live band and DJ, Last Call for Alchl, 108 Main Street, Penfield for July 7 – 10, 2016.*

MOTION by Mr. Schroeder to approve the Recreation & Entertainment License: Live band and DJ, Last Call for Alchl, 108 Main Street, Penfield for July 7 – 10, 2016; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

X. Monthly Reports

A. *March, April 2016*

MOTION by Mr. Esry to accept and place on file the March, April 2016 Monthly Reports.

XI. Other Business

A. *July 7, 2016 Meeting – Determination to Cancel*

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to cancel the July 7, 2016 meeting; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

XII. Chair's Report

None

XIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on Consent Agenda

None

XIV. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Petrie to adjourn; seconded by Ms. Berkson. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously. There being no further business, Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.