



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

MINUTES – Approved as Corrected on September 10, 2020

DATE: Thursday, August 6, 2020
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington, Urbana, IL 61802
and remote participation via Zoom

Committee Members

| Present | Absent |
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| Aaron Esry (Chair) | |
| Connie Dillard-Myers | |
| | Jodi Eisenmann |
| Stephanie Fortado | |
| Jim Goss | |
| Kyle Patterson | |
| Eric Thorsland (Vice-Chair) | |

County Staff: John Hall (Zoning Administrator), Susan Monte (Planner) and Mary Ward (Recording Secretary)
Others Present: Giraldo Rosales (County Board Chair)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esry called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Goss. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. June 4, 2020

MOTION by Mr. Goss to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thorsland. Upon vote, the **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously.

V. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

VI. Communications

Ms. Dillard-Myers said she had a call from a constituent who was concerned about the rising Covid-19 numbers. She encouraged her to express her concerns during public participation at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

VII. New Business: For Information Only

A. Update regarding Residential Electronics Collection on October 10, 2020

Ms. Monte gave an update on this event. Parkland will allow us to hold the event in their parking lot. We will not have access to a building, so we will need to rent a tent for the event. Registration opens Tuesday, September 1.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals meetings in Zoom

Mr. Hall gave an update on Zoning Board of Appeal meetings. They held their first meeting remotely via Zoom on July 16. This was the first meeting since March. It went very well. These meetings can be held Successfully via Zoom.

C. Recent employee retirement in Department and preparation of minutes for Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings

Mr. Hall stated that Connie Berry, Zoning Technician, retired at the end of June 2020. Lori Busboom is the remaining Zoning Technician. Overall, zoning cases will be down for the year. John hopes to replace Connie before the workload gets back to normal. They may look to fill that position in early 2021. At this time, they can get by with the current staff.

Ms. Fortado said that she appreciates that you're trying to hold off on hiring, but don't get too far behind. If you need help, fill the position. Mr. Thorsland echoed Ms. Fortado's comments and also wished Ms. Berry a happy retirement.

VIII. New Business: Items to be Recommended to the County Board

A. Resolution Approving the Application for, and if Awarded, Acceptance of a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Grant from Illinois Emergency Management Agency

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland and seconded by Ms. Dillard-Myers.

Ms. Monte gave some background on the grant. Champaign County was invited to submit a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application in the amount of \$2,653. The application deadline is August 15, 2020. This grant is to implement a hazard mitigation action in Champaign County. John Dwyer saw a need for all-weather radios that would be distributed to public assembly facilities and facilities that house vulnerable populations at locations outside the central area of the county. This grant will allow EMA staff to receive, publicize and distribute the radios.

Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Resolution Approving the Application for, and if Awarded, Acceptance of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Restore, Reinvest, and Renew (R3) Program Grant

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland and second by Mr. Goss.

Information and Discussion followed. Ms. Monte presented the information on this grant. The R3 Restore. Reinvest. Renew. Program grant is a grant from the sale of Cannabis. We are requesting the grant to lease warehouse space, equipment and to contract part-time staff to operate a program collection site as part of the Illinois CERA program. Under CERA, we presently provide the two one-day Residential Electronics Collections at Parkland. Under CERA, the county could opt-in to operate a program collection site, which would provide residents a more convenient way to recycle unwanted televisions and e-waste items. We would find out later in August or early September if we would receive the grant.

Upon roll call vote, the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- C. CLOSED Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) to consider the setting of a price for lease or sale of property owned by Champaign County

MOTION by Mr. Thorsland to move into CLOSED Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) to consider the setting of a price for lease or sale of property owned by Champaign County and the following parties remain present: John Hall, Director and Zoning Administrator; Tim Breen, Information Technology Manager and Mary Ward, Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fortado.

Roll call vote:

Aye: 6 – Thorsland, Dillard-Myers, Fortado, Goss, Patterson and Esry

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

The Environment and Land Use Committee entered Closed Session at 6:55 p.m.

The Environment and Land Use Committee resumed Open Session at 7:08 p.m.

IX. Other Business

There was no other business

X. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

XI. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

Items VIII. A. and B were placed on the Consent Agenda.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Esry adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.