



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
COMMITTEE AGENDA**

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Brookens Administrative Center, Jennifer K. Putman Meeting Room
1776 E. Washington, Urbana
Wednesday, July 6, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.**

CHAIR: Brendan McGinty

MEMBERS: Carol Ammons, Tom Betz, Alan Nudo, Jonathan Schroeder

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I. <u>Call to Order</u>	
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III. <u>Approval of Agenda/Addenda</u>	
IV. <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – June 29, 2011	*1-3
V. <u>Public Participation</u>	
VI. <u>Continuing Review of Ideas & Initiatives</u>	
VII. <u>Next Meeting Date</u>	
VIII. <u>Other Business</u>	
IX. <u>Adjourn</u>	

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10 4:30 p.m.

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carol Ammons, Tom Betz, Brendan McGinty (Chair)

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14 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alan Nudo, Jonathan Schroeder

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16 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Deb Busey (County Administrator)

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18 **CALL TO ORDER**

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20 McGinty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
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22 **ROLL CALL**

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24 Ammons, Betz, and McGinty were present at the time of roll call, establishing the presence
25 of a quorum.
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27 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM**

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29 **MOTION** by Betz to approve the agenda; seconded by Ammons. **Motion carried with**
30 **unanimous support.**
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32 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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34 **MOTION** by Ammons to approve the Strategic Planning Committee June 16, 2011
35 minutes; seconded by Betz. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**
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37 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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39 Dennis Roberts, an Urbana City Council member, and Ilona Matkovszki, an Urbana Public
40 Arts Commission member, said they were here to make a presentation and seek some advice from
41 the County. Roberts stated the Urbana City Council created the Joseph W. Royer Arts &
42 Architectural District on December 15, 2007. This district has not been well publicized, but it has
43 19 house/buildings designed by Joseph Royer in the downtown Urbana area. The intent of this
44 district was to bring the focus of tourists and citizens to the city and the importance of Royer's
45 work. A book by Brian Adams has been published by the *News-Gazette* about Royer's life.
46 Roberts and Matkovszki have also published a book on the history of Urbana. Royer's most
47 important design was the Champaign County Courthouse. Roberts and Matkovszki wanted to bring

48 more notice to the Royer-designed buildings in Urbana and have requested the City of Urbana's
49 help with funding the placement of plaques and signs at the Royer locations. Matkovszki would
50 like to place a plaque at the Champaign County Courthouse on or around August 25, 2011 to start
51 the plaque project. They were here to propose the idea to the County Board for its permission and
52 support. Roberts distributed some information about their proposal. They are trying to obtain
53 construction costs estimates for the plaques. Roberts and Matkovszki offered to answer any
54 questions.

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56 Betz assumed they were not asking the County to come up with any money for the plaques.
57 Roberts said he was open to whatever is possible. The Arts Commission has some money for
58 plaques. They are really looking for permission to place a plaque or marker on County property.
59 They would appreciate it if the County can assist them with some money for the plaque. McGinty
60 asked about the proper procedure in making such a request. Busey and Betz agreed the request
61 would need to be sent to the Facilities Deputy Chair to be included on a meeting agenda. The next
62 meeting with Facilities will be on August 2, 2011 followed by the County Board meeting on August
63 18, 2011, unless the Board wanted to address this at the July 21st full Board meeting. Roberts said
64 he would appreciate this request being addressed sooner rather than later.

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66 Matkovszki said their primary interest was in placing a plaque on or in front of the old
67 section of the Courthouse that Royer designed. Betz would want to converse with the Sheriff to
68 determine if he had any objections due to safety issues before making any determination. Betz
69 could not imagine the County Board objecting to a tasteful sign, but did not think the Board would
70 allocate any money for the plaque due to budget constraints.

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72 Matkovszki said they also wanted a room or two to display a temporary exhibit in
73 association with the dedication of the plaques in August. Roberts imagined this could be placed in
74 the Lincoln Exhibit anteroom where the photos of Lincoln statues are now displayed. Busey
75 explained that is a temporary display in the area outside the Jury Assembly Room. She
76 recommended Roberts and Matkovszki put together a comprehensive request to present to the
77 Board. It was not in this committee purview to grant such a request. Betz did not object to
78 including this request on the July 21st agenda. Roberts and Matkovszki agreed to get in contact with
79 Busey about their request for the Board agenda. Busey stated that Sheriff Walsh is responsible for
80 the Courthouse property and recommended Roberts and Matkovszki meet with him first.

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82 **CONTINUING REVIEW OF IDEAS & INITIATIVES**

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84 The committee continued to proceed in its review of ideas and initiatives. McGinty
85 suggested rolling the first three ideas into one about a comprehensive plan. The committee
86 discussed the definition and development of a comprehensive plan, including challenges faced in
87 the past with zoning revisions. Betz felt the situation was impassible in regards implementing a
88 comprehensive plan in this political climate. Ammons wanted to keep the comprehensive plan goal
89 as an ideal. The committee discussed the uniqueness of Champaign County and how this would
90 impact the development of a comprehensive plan. Betz suggested the County might need to hire an
91 outside entity to draft a comprehensive zoning ordinance that is then voted on by the County Board
92 because the process within the County is so fragmented and susceptible to various personalities and
93 interests which clash. The investments in the Land Resources Management Plan were discussed.

94 The committee agreed to consolidate the first several ideas into “Document and adopt a process for
95 movement from vision/LRMP to development and adoption of a comprehensive plan.”
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97 Regarding the idea to write a county building code, the committee noted a building code
98 would be coming from the state within two years. Busey also questioned if the County had the
99 jurisdictional authority to enforce anything beyond what the state mandates and offered to refer that
100 question to legal counsel. The committee concurred with Busey.

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102 Ammons wanted the committee to ask Patsi Petrie to look into what she meant with her
103 suggestions of a local food council and converting County campus land to a farm. These ideas
104 could be included under the “sustainability – mainly towards “greening” goal. Busey said the first
105 stop in considering converting part of the County East Campus to farmland would be the City of
106 Urbana to see if the city would allow it. The committee discussed what the intention was in these
107 suggestions. The committee agreed to delete the farming idea. The local food council idea was
108 combined with the sustainability issue.

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110 Betz noted Indiana and Michigan have abolished numerous drainage districts. He noted the
111 attorneys who represent the drainage districts will be against any legislation consolidating drainage
112 districts. Busey stated both cities are looking into storm water management right now. This would
113 be an opportunity to talk about intergovernmental cooperation and community-wide solutions. The
114 goal to “investigate intergovernmental agreements with municipalities to promote a complete design
115 change to storm water management for this community” was agreed to by the committee.

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117 The committee agreed with Betz’s suggestion to delete the idea about making the MTD into
118 a county-wide system because there is a rural transit system. The committee agreed to end
119 discussion at this time and resume at the next meeting.

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121 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

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123 The committee agreed to hold its next meeting on July 6th at 4:30 p.m.

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125 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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127 There was no other business.

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129 **ADJOURNMENT**

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131 McGinty adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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133 Respectfully submitted,

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135 Kat Bork

136 Administrative Assistant

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138 *Secy's note: The minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the*
139 *meeting.*