



MEETING NOTICE

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

DATE: May 21, 2014

PLACE: County Board Room, 2nd Floor - County Building

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. ROLL CALL.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.
4. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD.
5. REPORT OF OFFICERS.
(A) Establishment of Nominating Committee
6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
7. CORRESPONDENCE.
8. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
(A) Report of the Land Subdivision Committee and
Action on Recommendations
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.
11. NEW BUSINESS.
12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
13. ADJOURNMENT.

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
April 16, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Brad Mills called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. ROLL CALL.

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

JULY 2013	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2014	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	COMMISSION MEMBERS
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Brad Mills, Chairman
X	X	X	X	X	X				X			Kenneth Springs, Vice-Chairman
X	X		X		X	X		X				Bruce Strom, Secretary
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Mayor Mike Houston – <u>M. Farmer</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Andy Van Meter – <u>B. McFadden</u>
		X	X	X	X	X		X				Alderman Sam Cahnman
												Alderman Cory Jobe
												Greg Stumpf
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Andy Goleman – <u>C. Stratton</u>
X	X	X		X		X		X	X			Leslie Sgro – <u>E. McKinley</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Frank Vala – <u>R. Blickensderfer</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			Brian Brewer – <u>F. Squires</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Dick Ciotti – <u>G. Humphrey</u>
X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			Jeff Vose – <u>L. Wind</u>
X		X	X					X	X			Larry Hamlin
X	X	X		X	X	X	X					Eric Hansen
				X	X			X				Bill Moss

Others

Staff

Molly Berns	Norm Sims
Jeff Fulgenzi	Amy Uden
Steve Keenan	Linda Wheeland
Mary Jane Niemann	Joe Zeibert

Chairman Mills thanked everyone for coming as there was a very important matter on the agenda.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING.**

Chairman Mills asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 19, 2014 Regional Planning Commission meeting. There were none. The minutes were accepted as mailed.

4. **MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY BOARD.**

There was no meeting of the Executive Policy Board.

5. **REPORT OF OFFICERS.**

There was no report of officers.

6. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.**

There was no report of the Executive Director.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

A. **Letter from SIU School of Medicine** – Norm Sims stated that he and the chairman received a letter from SIU School of Medicine. (See attached.) The SIU School of Medicine Community Health Policy Committee and the Office of Community Health and Service thanked them for participating in community health events held over the past eighteen months.

B. **Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact: U.S. HUD** – Sims noted that a letter was received from the Springfield Housing Authority regarding Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. (See attached). Sims said the Springfield Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) for the release of FFY 2014 Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds and Replacement Housing Factor (RPH) funds to undertake the project known as Springfield Housing Authority 2014 PHA Plan for the purpose of neighborhood revitalization. The City of Springfield has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment.

Sims noted that no action was needed by the Commission on these two items of correspondence.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING.**

Chairman Mills asked Sims to address the next item on the agenda.

Sims said County Board Resolution 3-1-87, which created this Commission, says that “the County of Sangamon should have a plan made for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of said county *as a region.*”

Chapter 2.36.060 of the Sangamon County Code establishes the Powers and Duties of the Regional Planning Commission. Part A of that Chapter says that one of the powers of the Commission is to “prepare and recommend to the county board a regional plan, or functional segments thereof....”

Article II, of the Planning Commission’s Bylaws establishes that the purposes and powers of the Commission shall be “to formulate comprehensive plans”, as noted previously, and that the bylaws are intended to guide the Commission in the establishment of procedures and methods of operation required to formulate such plans.

The Article goes on to say that such plans, once completed, shall be presented to the County Board and/or other unit of government for adoption and approval, and that after the adoption of such plans, it shall be the duty of the Commission to promote and encourage their implementation.

After several years of work, and at the request of the County Board Chairman, the Mayor of Springfield, and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Commission staff has prepared the first component of such a plan, the “Sangamon County Regional Strategic Plan”. He noted that everyone should have all previously received copies of the draft.

Chairman Mills said as a matter of business on our agenda today, a public hearing will be held concerning this plan prior to considering any action concerning it. Prior to taking any public comments, Chairman Mills called upon the staff of the Planning Commission for comments concerning the Regional Strategic Plan.

Jeff Fulgenzi then addressed the plan. He noted that a handout was available at the meeting which summarized the comments received on the draft plan. (See attached). Fulgenzi stated that three additional public meetings have been held: two in Springfield and one in Chatham. Fulgenzi said very few comments were received and no major changes will be made to the plan as a result of the comments received. A minor change that will be made to the plan is incorporating auxiliary uses of farmland. More labels will be added to pictures and acronyms will be spelled out.

Fulgenzi stated that one of the next steps will be to encourage communities to pass resolutions supporting the regional plan. Next steps will include the preparation of a land use map for unincorporated Sangamon County. Staff will continue to encourage implementation of the plan.

Fulgenzi entertained any questions. There being none, a motion to close the public hearing on the Sangamon County Regional Strategic Plan was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Land Subdivision Committee – Joe Zeibert presented three projects within the City of Springfield’s subdivision jurisdiction to be reviewed by the Planning Commission this month.

Wabash Centre

Location & Sketch Map

Variance of Sec. 153.157(L) – Restriction of Access

Variance of Sec. 153.156(A) – Right-of-Way of Streets

Description: Pt. SW ¼, Section 11, T15N, R6W

(North side of Wabash Avenue between Bunker Hill Road and Hamlin Parkway)

LSC Action: Recommend approval of a Variance of Sec. 153.157(L) – Restriction of Access – to allow two access points onto Bradfordton Road, one access point onto Wabash Avenue, subject to the access point locations shown on the Location & Sketch Map; recommend approval of a Variance of Sec. 153.156(A) Right-of-Way of Streets - to reduce the required right-of-way along Bradfordton Road from 150 feet to 130 feet as shown on the Location & Sketch Map; and recommend approval of the Location & Sketch Map.

Zeibert said this development consists of three lots on twenty acres located at northeast corner of Wabash Avenue and the proposed extension of Bradfordton Road. He noted that Alex Boulevard will be extended to connect to Bradfordton Road. Lot 1 is currently zoned B-1 and Lots 2 and 3 are zoned I-1. They are proposing some type of retail and some type of commercial / industrial services to support the retail services on the northern two lots. All essential services are available to the site and this development is in accord with the City of Springfield's 2020 Comprehensive Plan. Zeibert then summarized the variances listed above.

Wabash Marketplace II

Location & Sketch Map

Variance of Sec. 153.158(B)(2) – Lot Arrangement

Description: Pt. SW ¼, Section 7, T15N, R5W

(Southeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Drawbridge Road)

LSC Action: Recommend approval of a Variance of Sec. 153.158(B)(2) – Lot Arrangement – to allow a lot to have access through an access easement and recommend approval of the Location & Sketch Map.

Zeibert said this development consists of three lots on 3.5 acres. One lot will encompass a recently constructed building, one lot for additional retail, and one open space lot that will encompass the floodplain area and serve as a buffer for the nearby residential area. All essential services are available to the site and this development is in accord with the Comprehensive Plan. Zeibert then summarized the variance regarding the access easement.

Wabash Marketplace II

Preliminary Plan

Description: Pt. SW ¼, Section 7, T15N, R5W

(Southeast corner of Wabash Avenue and Drawbridge Road)

LSC Action: Recommend approval of the Preliminary Plan.

Zeibert said the preliminary plan addresses items such as drainage and phasing. This development will be completed in one phase.

Larry Hamlin moved to concur with the action of the Land Subdivision Committee on the above mentioned projects. Ken Springs seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

11. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Sims said with the conclusion of the public hearing on the Regional Plan and as per the posted agenda, the staff would ask, as per the Commission's Bylaws, that the Commission approve the Regional Strategic Plan as submitted or amended, and recommend to the Sangamon County Board and other units of government that those bodies should adopt it as the Regional Plan for Sangamon County.

Chairman Mills entertained a motion and a second that the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission recommend the Sangamon County Regional Strategic Plan as presented, and refers it to the Sangamon County Board for adoption as the Regional Plan for Sangamon County, as well as to other units of government for their consideration and adoption.

Brian McFadden moved that the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission recommend the Sangamon County Regional Strategic Plan as presented, and refer it to the Sangamon County Board for adoption as the Regional Plan for Sangamon County, as well as to other units of government for their consideration and adoption. Larry Hamlin seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

12. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were no special announcements.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Sims thanked the Commission for their approval of the Sangamon County Regional Strategic Plan. Preparation of the plan entailed a lot of work and Sims commended staff members, Jeff Fulgenzi and Amy Uden, along with the various study groups and local officials. He said it is a very impressive plan and looks forward to implementation of the plan.

Chairman Mills commended Sims, Fulgenzi and Uden on a job well done.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Niemann
Recording Secretary



SIU School of Medicine

March 24, 2014

Norm Sims
Executive Director
200 S. 9th St., Room 212
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Norm Sims,

On behalf of the SIU School of Medicine Community Health Policy Committee and the Office of Community Health and Service, I would like to thank you for participating in our community health events held over the past eighteen months.

Based on the information that you and your colleagues provided to us during our community health public forums and the recent discussion regarding county health rankings, we are providing this letter in an effort to inform you on the activities that SIU School of Medicine is undertaking to address the concerns that were raised by our partners in the community.

The Community Health Policy Committee (CHPC) convened a group of faculty and staff to review and analyze the responses from the community forums held in late December of 2012 and March of 2013. The results indicated that the primary concerns of the community were: infant mortality/low birth weight, concerns relating to healthy aging, the need for improvement in the care of the mentally and behaviorally ill, and an overall lack of access to care. To examine these issues in further depth, the CHPC convened a retreat and multiple meetings to discuss and identify how our organization may address these concerns in the most efficient and effective manner. The CHPC determined that the immediate issue that the School of Medicine should work with partners in the community to address is: the mental and behavioral health of all age groups in Springfield and Sangamon County.

Our committee is now inviting presentations from local mental and behavioral health leaders to understand better the issues in these areas and to develop a plan to work on improving the mental and behavioral health of central and southern Illinois. If you have resources or expertise in mental and behavioral healthcare which you can share with SIU, we welcome your input.

We greatly appreciate your patience and diligence in assisting us. While we will communicate our progress as our project continues, we will continue to convene public meetings to ensure that your voices are heard and that together we can create a healthier community.

Now, more than at any time, it will be helpful to hear from you if we are on target with addressing the health needs of the community. Did we get this right? Please let us know.

Contact Joshua Sarver at 217-545-5770 or jsarver@siumed.edu with any suggestions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,



Tracey Smith, DNP
Community Health Policy Committee Chair
SIU School of Medicine

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

March 27, 2014
Springfield Housing Authority
200 N. 11th Street
Springfield, IL. 62701
217-753-5757

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Springfield Housing Authority.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 15, 2014 the Springfield Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) for the release of FFY 2014 Capital Fund Program (CFP) funds in the amount of \$1,160,743 including the carry over amount of \$763,724.74 for the aggregated program years 2012 & 2013 and Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) funds under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, (the "Act") in the amount of \$107,474 including the carry over amount of \$588,503.73 for the aggregated program years 2008 thru 2013 to undertake the project known as Springfield Housing Authority 2014 PHA Plan, for the purpose of Neighborhood revitalization comprised of the following activities: Acquisition of Real Property, Disposition, Public Facilities and Improvements, Clearance and Demolition, Relocation Assistance, Single-family and Multifamily Owner-occupied and Rental Housing Rehabilitation, Construction of Housing and Direct Homeownership Assistance.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Springfield has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 East Monroe Ave, Suite 108, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on regular business days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe Suite 108, Springfield, IL 62701. All comments received by April 11, 2014 will be considered by the Springfield Housing Authority prior to submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.



RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Springfield certifies to HUD that J. Michael Houston, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the Springfield Housing Authority to use Program funds.

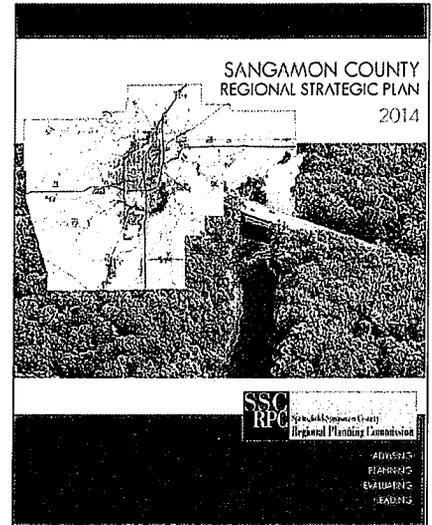
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Springfield's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Springfield or SHA; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to U. S. Department of HUD, Office of Public Housing, Attn: Steven Meiss, Director, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

J. Michael Houston: Mayor

Regional Strategic Plan- Final Draft

Plan Status Update- April 16, 2014



Following the presentation of the Regional Strategic Plan to Planning Commission members, SSCRPC staff held three additional public meetings for public comment and input on the plan draft. The dates and locations of these meetings were:

- February 19; Springfield City Council Chambers
- February 25; Chatham Public Library
- March 6; Sangamon County Board Chambers

SSCRPC staff conducted radio and print media outreach to inform the public of the meeting, along with distributing meeting materials at the Citizens' Club and other public venues. In total, these public meetings had 20 attendees. Email addresses for these attendees were captured, and attendees and the general public were provided several options for contacting SSCRPC staff and providing feedback on the plan.

SSCRPC staff also provided hard copies of the plan to the Sangamon County Board, Springfield City Council, and Regional Leadership Council for Sangamon County. The draft plan and its various sections have been agenda items presented at the last three RLC meetings.

Comments on the plan provided by these attendees are summarized below. SSCRPC staff has followed up with questions, comments, and concerns where applicable. Public comments and questions at the workshops pertained to:

- Specific details regarding the upcoming Land Use mapping phase of the plan, and potential map components
- The relationship between this plan and community comprehensive plans, with an inquiry as to which communities have comprehensive plans in place
- Definitions of storm water management planning and the SSCRPC's perspective on water management in the County
- Updates on High Speed Rail progress and the role rail infrastructure plays in the Plan
- Specific road projects planned in the south County area, informed by the Long Range Transportation Plan
- The South Sangamon Water Commission and updates on its status and impact
- Status updates on the work of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission, and which CEC recommendations informed the Plan document
- The importance of cross-jurisdictional cooperation as informed by the CEC and SSCRPC's work

SSCRPC staff also received via email two written comments. The first requested further information as to why the plan did not include land use maps. SSCRPC staff relayed information related to the fact that the Land Use Map for the unincorporated area would be developed in Phase V of the planning process. The second expressed concerns related to incorporating auxiliary uses of farmland, and inquired about how the plan defines conservation subdivisions.

Based on the overall public comment, SSCRPC staff did not find any areas where major substantive alterations to the plan document would be required prior to approval.