

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
October 21, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Secretary Bill Moss called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL.

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Brad Mills, Chairman
Eric Hansen, Vice-Chairman
Bill Moss, Secretary
Mayor Jim Langfelder – K. Davis
Andy Van Meter – B. McFadden
Alderman – Vacant (*July-August*)
Alderman Joe McMenamain (*September-June*)
Alderman Cory Jobe (*July-August*)
Alderman Andrew Proctor (*September-June*)
Greg Stumpf - J. Stone
George Preckwinkle – C. Stratton
Leslie Sgro – E. McKinley
Frank Vala – R. Blickensderfer
Brian Brewer – F. Squires
Dick Ciotti – G. Humphrey
Jeff Vose
Larry Hamlin
Kenneth Springs
Val Yazell

Others

Staff

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

3. MINUTES OF MEETING.

Secretary Moss asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the September 16, 2015 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 since the last Regional Planning Commission meeting. Secretary Moss noted that the Executive Policy Board will meet immediately following this meeting in Room 212 to review the SSCRPC's proposed budget for the upcoming year.

5. REPORT OF OFFICERS.

There was no report of officers.

6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Norm Sims welcomed Alderman Proctor and Karen Davis who were in attendance.

A. IDOT Fall Planning Conference – Sims reported that SSCRPC staff members, Linda Wheeland and Neha Soni attended the IDOT Fall Planning Conference and gave a presentation regarding “Utilizing INVEST for Plans and Projects” which was well received.

B. New Mapping Application – Sims stated that a new mapping application which identifies landmarked properties in the City of Springfield and Sangamon County is available on the SSCRPC's website, www.sscrpc.com. When an address is typed in, various landmarked properties and other selected historic resources in the vicinity of the address are displayed. SSCRPC staff member Steve Keenan then demonstrated the application for Commission members. Sims said staff is always looking for better ways to provide information to the public and welcomed any suggestions for new applications.

C. Analysis of In Migration / Out Migration – Sims noted that staff had conducted an analysis of population changes regarding in migration / out migration from information recently released by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). There has been a net loss of population of 2,497 county wide during the past three years, the largest share moving in the most recent year. According to the IRS, that would be a loss of 69 million dollars in personal wealth. People migrating in make 17% less than those moving out of Sangamon County. An analysis of millennials will be done soon.

Commissioner McMenamin asked if those population trends were based on IRS income tax filings. Sims said yes since those filings identify where people live and work. Commissioner McMenamin asked if the report addressed non-filers. Sims said the IRS uses a formula to adjust for residents, which would adjust for legal non-filers.

Commissioner Squires asked if age was attached to the data. Sims said no.

D. State Funding – In follow up to previous information provided to the Commission on this subject, Sims noted that he had sent a letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) basically saying that the State is not in compliance with Federal Transportation law. The State was required to enter into an agreement with the SSCRPC prior to the beginning of the State Fiscal Year on July 1. A signed contract was not received until the end of August. Another issue is the State being required to pay the SSCRPC within 15 days of receipt of an invoice for planning activities. The SSCRPC bills IDOT on a quarterly basis. The SSCRPC submitted the billing for the first quarter and payment has not been received within the required 15-day time period. Sims noted that he attended a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting last week and IDOT and FHWA thought they had a solution to that problem. The solution was to transfer the Federal funding to the State Transit Agency then to the MPOs. During that meeting it

was determined that that would be illegal. Sims said he asked why Federal Highways could not transfer the money directly to the MPOs. An announcement was made by IDOT the next morning that the solution would be that Federal Highways would transfer the money directly to the MPOs. No correspondence has been received from IDOT since then. Sims noted that some MPOs bill monthly and are now out of money. He noted that as the funds in question are Federal monies, it does not affect by the State budget or create a State deficit. Federal Highways has notified IDOT that if issues are not resolved by November 2, Federal Highways will no longer approve new federally funded projects.

Secretary Moss asked if these funds were motor fuel tax funds. Sims said no, that they are federal transportation planning funds coming from the FHWA as well as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no correspondence.

8. PUBLIC HEARING.

There was no one who wished to address the Commission.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Land Subdivision Committee – There were no projects to be reviewed by the Planning Commission this month.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business.

12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sims reminded Executive Policy Board members of the meeting to be held in the Planning Commission office conference room immediately following this meeting.

Commissioner Humphrey noted that an Open House will be held at the Springfield Metro Sanitary District's Spring Creek location north of the fairgrounds on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

On behalf of the SSCRPC, Sims offered his condolences to the Langfelder family on the passing of former Mayor Ossie Langfelder.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Frank Squires moved to adjourn. Ken Springs seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Jane Niemann
Recording Secretary