

MINUTES OF MEETING
Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission
July 15, 2020

INTRODUCTION

Molly Berns asked callers to please identify themselves if they participate in the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Springs called the teleconference via OpenVoice to order at 9:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL.

Mary Jane Niemann called the roll.

JULY 2019	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	Member	Representative	Affiliation
X												Ken Springs, Chair		Sangamon County
X												Greg Kruger, Vice-Chair		City of Springfield
X												Eric Hansen, Secretary		Sangamon County
X												Mayor Jim Langfelder	Bonnie Drew / Val Yazell	City of Springfield
X												Andy Van Meter	Brian McFadden	Sangamon County Board
X												Ald. Joe McMenamin		City Council
												Ald. Andrew Proctor		City Council
X												Greg Stumpf	Trustin Harrison	Sangamon County Board
												George Preckwinkle	Charlie Stratton	Sangamon County Board
X												Leslie Sgro	Jason Graham	Springfield Park District
X												Frank Vala	Roger Blickensderfer	Springfield Airport Authority
X												Brian Brewer	Frank Squires / Steve Schoeffel	Sangamon Mass Transit District
X												Dick Ciotti	Gregg Humphrey / Rob Leinweber / Jason Jacobs	Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
X												Jeff Vose	Lyle Wind / Shannon Fehrholz	Regional Office of Education
												Vacant (March 2019 -		City of Springfield
X												Larry Hamlin		Sangamon County
X												Joe Gooden		City of Springfield

Others

John Klemm
Steve Walker
Val Yazell

Staff

Molly Berns
Shannan Karrick
Jordan Leaf
Mary Jane Niemann
Emily Prather

3. MINUTES OF MEETING.

Chairman Springs asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 17, 2020 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.

A. SSCRPC Office – Molly Berns stated that the SSCRPC office officially reopened to the public today, July 15. She noted that the staff previously was successful working from home and was happy to report that the staff has remained healthy.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Berns summarized letters of support she had written on behalf of the SSCRPC regarding the following local projects:

Village of Riverton – sanitary sewer projects;
Village of Jerome – improvements to Iles Avenue from Chatham Road to MacArthur Boulevard;
Sangamon County – elevator repairs in the County Building (200 South 9th Street); and
Sangamon County – roof replacement on the Sangamon County Juvenile Detention Center

The letters of support are attached.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / COMMENTS.

There was no one who wished to address the Commission.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Land Subdivision Committee (LSC) – There was one project to be acted upon by the Regional Planning Commission this month:

The North Reserve Subdivision

Preliminary Plan

Variance of Sec. 153.162 – Sidewalks

Description: Part of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 25, T15N, R6W – Located south of Foxhall Lane and Panther Creek Drive

Emily Prather stated that this site consists of 25 lots on 34.7 acres. A variance of Sec. 153.162 – Sidewalks was requested to allow no sidewalks on the south side of Street A.

Prather noted that the Land Subdivision Committee recommended approval of a Variance of Sec. 153.162 – Sidewalks subject to a turnaround constructed at the end of Lot 25 and recommended approval of the Preliminary Plan, subject to:

1. Identifying the size of water main located in Panther Creek West Subdivision and The Reserve;
2. Fire hydrants shall be shown on the plan at a maximum interval of 500’;
3. Adequate buildable area shall be identified outside of the floodplain for each lot affected;
4. Identifying outlet pipe and elevation for the detention pond;
5. Label contours for the “Normal Pool” and “High Water Line”;
6. Removing lots 14, 15, and 16 and show as common area to be reserved for floodplain with a note acceptable to the Office of Public Works;
7. Note - service taps for lots 8,9,10,14,15,16,24 and 25 will be required to connect to the 6” water main within 2’ from the proposed dead end hydrant locations;
8. Note – The metered pit water irrigation system that serves Panther Creek Subdivision shall be relocated;
9. Identifying an Electric Easement along the south side street “A” acceptable to CWLP Electric;
10. Preliminary covenants including language for the private storm sewer located in the lot 25; and
11. Traffic Study approval by the Sangamon County Highway Department.

Prather noted that revisions have been made and the plan can proceed through the subdivision process.

Commissioner Joe McMenamin moved to concur with the action of the Land Subdivision Committee to recommend approval of The North Reserve – Preliminary Plan and Variance of Sec. 153.162 – Sidewalks. Vice-Chairman Greg Kruger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

For informational purposes, Prather summarized a project reviewed by the Land Subdivision Committee at their July 2, 2020 meeting that does not require action by the Regional Planning Commission:

Ash Grove Subdivision – Final Plat

Prather stated that this 15 acre development is located at the southeast corner of Ash Grove Drive and Hamlin Parkway to the east of Wells Fargo on the west side of town. The owner is looking to divide the existing lot into 6 lots for financing purposes and multiple mortgages with multiple banks. A Large Scale Development Plan was approved for the apartment complex that is currently under construction and the owner is looking to divide those units for financing purposes.

The Land Subdivision Committee recommended approval of the Final Plat.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Appointment of Members of the Land Subdivision Committee for PY 2020-2021

Chairman Springs stated that as this is the Commission’s first meeting of the new program year, it is necessary that appointments to committees be made, including those to the Land Subdivision Committee, a standing committee. Based upon recommendations made by Commission staff, and the understanding that these individuals have stated their willingness to serve, Berns read the nominations:

Member	Representing
Gregg Humphrey, Chairman	Sangamon County Water Reclamation District
Nate Bottom, Vice-Chairman	Springfield Dept. of Public Works
Michael Johnson	CWLP-Water
Matt McLaughlin	Springfield Building & Zoning Dept.
Jason Graham	Springfield Park District
Chris Cole	Springfield Fire Dept.
Brad Bixby	CWLP-Electric
Brian Davis	Sangamon County Highway Dept.
TJ Heavisides	Springfield Dept. of Public Works
Steve Hall	Sangamon County Public Health Dept.
Trustin Harrison	County Zoning Administrator
Val Yazell	Springfield Office of Planning and Economic Development
Kenneth Springs	Citizen Member
Dean Graven	Citizen Member

Frank Squires moved to concur with the above nominations to the Land Subdivision Committee. Commissioner Joe McMenamin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

12. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Chairman Springs noted that the SSCRPC’s Annual Report is scheduled to be presented at next month’s meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

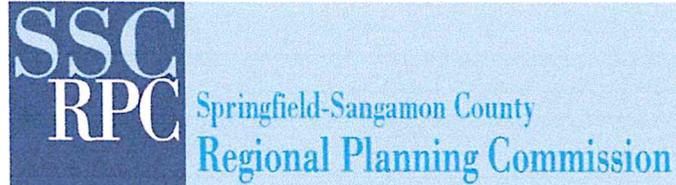
Chairman Springs noted that the next Regional Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 19, 2020.

There being no further business, Commissioner Eric Hansen moved to adjourn. Frank Squires seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

MJN

Mary Jane Niemann
Recording Secretary



June 25, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

The Springfield – Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission worked with the Village of Riverton, Illinois, to complete its 2015 – 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The analysis of utilities conducted in that process identified existing and future infrastructure needs.

Please accept this letter as evidence that the Village of Riverton’s USDA Rural Development application for the “Riverton Sanitary Sewer Projects” does not conflict with the comprehensive plan completed in 2015. Furthermore, please accept this confirmation that the project supports the intent of the comprehensive plan related to infrastructure to support planned growth.

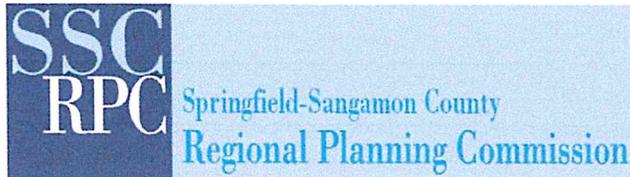
If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me by email at:

molly.berns@co.sangamon.il.us.

Sincerely,

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Molly Berns
Executive Director



June 25, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, I am writing in support of the Village of Jerome's application for funding from the Rebuild Illinois – Public Infrastructure program. The funds will be used to make much-needed improvements to Iles Avenue from Chatham Road to MacArthur Boulevard.

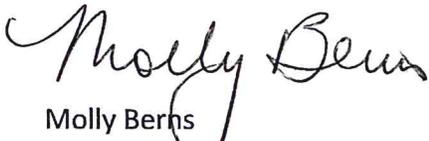
This segment of Iles Avenue is a key component of the transportation network in the metropolitan area. It is a major east-west roadway that connects Chatham Road to MacArthur Boulevard, thereby connecting segments of Jerome to the cities of Springfield and Leland Grove. It is also used by the Sangamon Mass Transit District to provide bus service to residents.

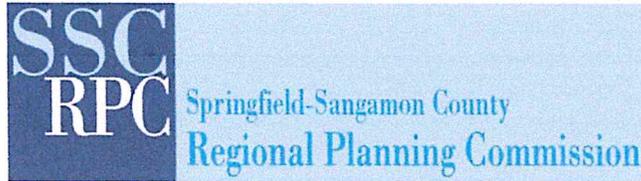
The Village of Jerome has been trying to maintain the condition of Iles with limited resources. However, the condition of Iles Avenue has deteriorated to the point that an overlay is no longer sufficient. In addition to making road improvements, the project includes adding V-gutters, and a new six-inch water main with 150 water service lines. These improvements will also assist with drainage issues in the immediate area.

In closing, please accept my full support of the Village of Jerome's funding request. This is a very worthy project that will have a positive impact on not only the Village, but the wider metropolitan area as well.

If you have questions, please contact me at: molly.berns@co.sangamon.il.us.

Sincerely,


Molly Berns
Executive Director



June 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, I am writing in support of Sangamon County's application for Rebuild Illinois Grant Program funds to replace the roof on the Sangamon County Juvenile Detention Center.

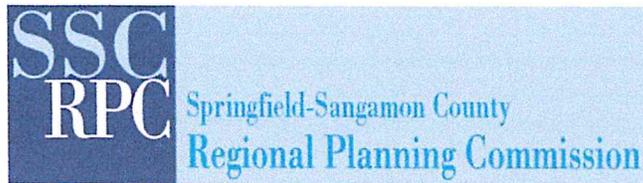
The roof of this facility is in significant need of being replaced. Funding this project will result in a healthier and safer atmosphere for those in the Juvenile Detention Center.

Please accept my wholehearted support for this quality project.

Sincerely,

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Molly Berns
Executive Director



June 26, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, I am writing in support of Sangamon County's application for Rebuild Illinois Grant Program funds to make needed repairs to the elevators in the County Building located at 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield. The funds will be used to retrofit the elevators, thus bringing them into compliance.

Our offices are in the county building. As such, I can personally attest that the condition of the elevators is lacking. Improvements to the elevators will result in a much safer work environment for employees and the general public who visit the building.

Please accept my wholehearted support for this quality project.

Sincerely,

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Molly Berns
Executive Director