

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY,
JUNE 27, 2016 IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Plan Commission meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, June 27, 2016 was called to order by Chairman Russell Horsley at 7:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were:

Present: Chairman Russell Horsley and Commissioners Virgil Mueller, Caren Burggraf, Karin Callis, Amy Mistler, Gene Bergman, Bill Seibel and Tony Murphy.

Absent: None.

Quorum Present.

Administrative Staff Present: Director of Community Development Emily Fultz and Accounting/Clerical Assistant Sandy Garmer.

Administrative Staff Absent: Building Official Justin Osterhage.

Guests present: None.

3. APPROVAL OF PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES OF MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

The minutes of the Monday, June 13, 2016 Plan Commission Meeting were submitted for approval.

A. MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Karin Callis and seconded by Commissioner Gene Bergmann to approve the minutes of the Monday, June 13, 2016 Plan Commission Meeting as presented and on file at City Hall. On roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted yes, with Chairman Russell Horsley and Commissioner Amy Mistler abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. REPORT OF COUNCIL REPORTER

A. City Council Meeting, Monday, June 20, 2016 – Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf.

MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Bill Seibel and seconded by Commissioner Virgil Mueller to accept the Monday, June 20, 2016 City Council Meeting Report from Plan Commissioner Caren Burggraf. On roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL REPORTER

- A. City Council Reporter Tuesday, July 3, 2016 City Council Meeting Plan Commissioner Karen Callis.

**6. OLD BUSINESS
PLAN COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

- A. Discussion on Freight Study Committee

Commissioner Gene Bergmann opened the discussion explaining the significance of the Freight Study Committee to the updating of the Comprehensive Plan and how beneficial it would be for a Plan Commission representative to serve on the Freight Study Committee. The members of the Plan Commission discussed the following: (1) the resignation of Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis will create a representative opening on the committee; (2) the background information on the Freight Study Committee explaining it is a regional group with a strategic initiative to promote St. Louis area as a significant freight hub with transportation modes (barges, railroads and highways); (3) a description of the local area between Columbia and Dupo (Davis Street/Ferry Road to Mississippi River and north and south of I-255) as a possible inland port with a railroad hub and warehouses; (4) the growth and economical impact stimulating industry for St. Louis area; (5) the Committee was formed to build the business case for the federal funding to replicate freight yards similar to Indianapolis, Chicago and Memphis; (6) the example of Amazon locating their distribution centers in Edwardsville creating employment opportunities locally; and (7) the advantage of having a Plan Commissioner on the Freight Study Committee to have first hand insight of their timeline and plan which will impact the Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Amy Mistler and seconded by Commissioner Karin Callis to recommend a Plan Commission representative to serve on the Freight Study Committee and furthermore that such representative be Commissioner Gene Bergmann. On roll call vote, Chairman Horsley and Commissioners Mueller, Burggraf, Callis, Mistler, Seibel and Murphy voted yes, with Commissioner Bergmann abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – EMILY FULTZ

- A. Discussion of Columbia-Dupo Boundary Agreement

Director of Community Development Emily Fultz distributed to the Plan Commissioners mapping of the Columbia/Dupo Common Benefit Area and briefly reviewed: (a) the Common Benefit Area (yellow boundary); (b) the Dupo Annexation Parcels (blue shading); (c) the Columbia Annexation Parcels (red shading); (d) the Dupo Corporate Boundary (blue dashed lines); and (e) the Columbia Corporate Boundary (red dashed lines). Emily explained the map outlines the Columbia/Dupo areas currently being discussed for future economic development incentives as potential TIF and business districts and answered several questions related to the map.

B. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan draft Section III and maps

Director of Community Development Emily Fultz referred to the June 13th Plan Commission meeting discussion on mapping related to the Comprehensive Plan and opened the discussion with the following questions: (i) where do you see the maps fitting into the Comprehensive Plan?; (ii) possibly update the existing maps?; (iii) does each section need a map or can areas be combined?; (iv) should the maps be renamed? (v) can the maps be combined and covered with corridor maps with major arteries such as I-255, Route 3, Route 158?; and (vi) can transportation be included with mobility issues currently addressing bicycle and pedestrian plan or with the growth and infrastructure section? Emily offered to assist by putting together talking points and organizational ideas for the next meeting on July 11th. The consensus of the Plan Commission discussion is that they agreed Emily's assistance and support would be appreciated.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**
BUILDING OFFICIAL – JUSTIN OSTERHAGE

A. Nothing to report.

8. **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

A. Election of New Officers

There was a brief discussion with nominations outlined in the following motion.

MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Virgil Mueller and seconded by Commissioner Karen Callis to elect nominated slate of officers: Bill Seibel, Chairman; Gene Bergmann, Vice Chairman and Amy Mistler, Secretary. On roll call vote, Chairman Horsley and Commissioners Mueller, Burggraf, Callis, Mistler, Bergman, Seibel and Murphy voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. July 11th Agenda Items

1. City Website – Plan Commission meetings on calendar, meeting minutes and agendas
2. Plan Commission roles and responsibilities

9. **PUBLIC INPUT**

A. None to report.

10. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Since there was no further business to discuss, Chairman Horsley entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gene Bergmann and seconded by Commissioner Karin Callis to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Columbia Plan Commission held Monday, June 27, 2016 at 8:35 P.M. On roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

* Russell Horsley, Chairman

* Amy Mistler, Secretary

* Minutes by Sandy Garmer, Accounting/Clerical Assistant

***Copy of approved signed minutes and attachments are available in the Clerk's Office**