

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

URBANA PLAN COMMISSION

APPROVED

DATE: March 6, 2008

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Urbana City Building
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Burris, Tyler Fitch, Ben Grosser, Michael Pollock, Bernadine Stake, James Ward

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Lew Hopkins, Marilyn Upah-Bant, Don White

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Karcher, Planner II; Paul Lindahl, Planner II; Teri Andel, Planning Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Jamaal Diggins, Brandon Frisbie, Bobby Higgins, Tom McCafferty, Dennis Roberts, Laura Smith, Susan Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Grosser moved to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2008 meeting. Ms. Stake seconded the motion.

City staff received an email from Cynthia Hoyle suggesting one correction to the minutes. On Page 10, Paragraph 3, Line 4, it should read as such, "The highway system is essentially complete and our fuel taxes are not going up, so the federal..." The Plan Commission members agreed to the correction. Chair Pollock called for a voice vote on the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ 2007 Plan Commission Annual Report
- ◆ Email from Brandon Bowersox Regarding Plan Case No. 2059-CP-08

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

Plan Case No. 2059-CP-08: A request by the Urbana Zoning Administrator to adopt the Urbana Bicycle Master Plan as an amendment to the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan (as amended) including a Proposed Bicycle Network Map indicating future bicycle routes.

Chair Pollock announced that this case has been continued to the March 20, 2008 Plan Commission meeting. He asked for an update on the case.

Paul Lindahl, Planner II, explained that he understood that the Plan Commission had expressed during their previous meeting that since the Public Comment period for the proposed Urbana Bicycle Master Plan would not expire until March 17, 2008, that they did not feel comfortable making a recommendation to the City Council until after all the public comments had been received. Therefore, City staff felt it would be best to continue the case to the March 20, 2008 meeting.

Ms. Stake handed out copies of an email from Council member Brandon Bowersox regarding the proposed plan. She read a second correspondence from Beverly Rauchfuss in opposition to the Mathews Avenue/UIUC dedicated bike path, because it is dangerous.

Chair Pollock mentioned that these two correspondences will be part of the record, and the case is continued to the March 20th Plan Commission meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Plan Case No. 2062-M-08: Annual Update of the Official Zoning Map

Paul Lindahl, Planner II, presented this case to the Plan Commission. He gave a brief presentation on the changes made to the Official Zoning Map. He read the options of the Plan Commission and presented staff's recommendation, which is as follows:

Staff recommends that the Urbana Plan Commission recommend approval to the Urbana City Council of the Official 2008 Zoning Map.

With no questions for City staff from the Plan Commission, Chair Pollock opened the hearing up to the public to give comments or express concerns. With no input from the audience, Chair Pollock closed the public input portion of the hearing, and he opened the hearing up for Plan Commission discussion and motions.

Mr. Ward moved that the Plan Commission forward the case to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. Ms. Stake seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion was as follows:

Ms. Burris	-	Yes	Mr. Fitch	-	Yes
Mr. Grosser	-	Yes	Mr. Pollock	-	Yes
Ms. Stake	-	Yes	Mr. Ward	-	Yes

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

9. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was none.

10. STAFF REPORT

Lisa Karcher, Planner II, reported on the following topics:

- ◆ Text Amendment regarding Historic District and Landmark Nominations was approved by the City Council on Monday, March 3, 2008.
- ◆ The Urbana Bicycle Master Plan will be presented to the City Council on Monday, March 10, 2008 as a study session item.

2007 Plan Commission Annual Report

Mr. Grosser and Mr. Fitch requested copies of the report in CD format.

11. STUDY SESSION

There was none.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Myers, AICP
Secretary, Urbana Plan Commission