

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLAN COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Plan Commission meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Monday, March 14, 2022 was called to order by Chairperson Will Trowbridge at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Upon roll call, the following members were:

Present: Commissioners Pete Ingold, Matt Klopmeier (left at 8:12 p.m.), Beth Kutterer-Sanchez, Tony Murphy, Lauren Nobbe, Will Trowbridge, Andrea Yochum

Absent: None

Quorum Present

Administrative Staff Present: Scott Dunakey - Director of Community Development, Connie Maness - Community Development Assistant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Tuesday, January 10, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION:

It was moved by Commissioner Ingold and seconded by Commissioner Kutterer-Sanchez to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 10, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ingold - yes; Klopmeier - yes; Kutterer-Sanchez - yes; Murphy - yes; Nobbe - yes; Trowbridge - yes; Yochum - yes. MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. PUBLIC HEARING - None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Review and approval of Plan Commission meeting calendar for FY2023 (May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023).

Mr. Dunakey presented the meeting calendar to the Commission.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Nobbe and seconded by Commissioner Klopmeier to approve the meeting calendar as presented. On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Repeal of Ordinance No. 2355 concerning the regulation of telecommunication towers.

Mr. Dunakey presented the staff report.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ingold and seconded by Commissioner Kutterer-Sanchez that the Plan Commission support the repeal of Ordinance No. 2355. On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission agreed to hear item 9a Sign Code Update prior to item 7c Comprehensive Plan

9. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Sign Code Update.

Mr. Dunakey updated the Commission on the proposed Sign Code. He informed them that there is currently a moratorium on signs until a revised code can be adopted. The Sign Code will be adopted as it was presented to the Commission with minor changes at the next City Council meeting. It will still be a part of the Building Code. Staff intends to get feedback on signs as part of the Comprehensive Plan process and after the Comprehensive Plan update the Sign Code will be transferred to the Zoning Code.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- c) Comprehensive Plan – Presentation and discussion of land use and housing.

Mr. Dunakey did the presentation before the Commission. The discussions with the Commission included –

- Trails & Bikeways/Parks
- Main Street – new mixed zoning district with the proximity focused on Main Street
- Need for middle housing
- 2019 home values and vacancy rates

He informed the Commission that the 1st open house will be on May 31st from 4:30-7 at the Main Street Abbey pavilion.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

10. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairperson Trowbridge entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kutterer-Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Ingold to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.