



APPROVED

MINUTES

**CITY OF DUBUQUE LONG RANGE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION**

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

City Council Chamber, Historic Federal Building

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairperson Dick Van Iten; Commissioners Craig Beytien, Charles Winterwood, Chad Darter, and Alan Vincent.

Commissioners Excused: Chairperson Jim Prochaska; John Pregler

Staff Members Present: David Johnson and Eric Van Buskirk.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Van Iten at 5:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Staff presented an Affidavit of Compliance verifying that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

MINUTES: Motion by Beytien, seconded by Darter, to approve the minutes of June 19, 2013 as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote: Aye - 5; Nay - 0; Abstain - 0.

SPECIAL SESSION: DUBUQUE COUNTY SMART PLANNING CONSORTIUM

Consortium Members present: Beth Bonz, City of Asbury; Anna O'Shea, Dubuque County; Eric Schmechel, Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation; and Dan Fox, East Central Intergovernmental Association.

Members of the public included: Larry Deckard, Bernard IA; Jeff Pape, Dyersville IA; Rob Ostwinkle, Cascade IA; Paul Kurt, Bellevue IA; and Larry Mescher, Peosta IA.

Consortium Members O'Shea and Fox introduced themselves and provided a background on the Dubuque County Smart Plan, and the public input period extension authorized by the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors.

Consortium Member O'Shea opened the meeting to public comments. Presentations were given and Consortium Members O'Shea and Fox fielded questions and provided comments to public input as necessary. Comments from the public included transportation and energy mandates, permit fees, and government involvement. Consortium and staff members explained the difference between comprehensive planning and regulations which have the effect of law. Commissioners provided additional comments through the process

and engaged the members of the public present in dialogues about their concerns with the Dubuque County Smart Plan.

Staff Member O’Shea closed the public meeting after public comments were finished. The special session was closed at 6:30pm.

The regular session of the Long Range Planning Advisory Commission resumed.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Addition of Sustainable Community Health & Safety Principle: Staff Member Johnson addressed the Commission about adding a twelfth principle of Community Health & Safety to the Sustainable Dubuque Vision. He noted that this principle would be incorporated by staff into future planning efforts and the upcoming City of Dubuque comprehensive plan update.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

Downloading Packets: Commissioners noted issues with retrieving the packet from the City FTP site. Staff Members Johnson and Van Buskirk explained the process. Staff Member Johnson explained the reason for Commissioners to sign-in is so staff is made aware of who has accessed the information.

Public Engagement: Commissioners discussed the need for public engagement throughout the planning and approval process, noting that trust in the process is essential for the planning process and addressing national concerns about government regulations and efforts. Commissioners noted the public has not updated the plan in a long time, and discussed the need to understand the culture of the community, historical plans, and what experiences have taught us about the specific needs of the community. Commissioners noted it is sensible for people to be concerned about regulations, but also when there is no regulation. Commissioners discussed specific examples presented by the public during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Johnson, Assistant Planner

Adopted