



**APPROVED**

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #3  
OCTOBER 8, 2013  
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

The Rock Island Planning Commission held a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting in the Human Resources Conference Room at 1528 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Levin at 5:31 PM. Present were Commissioners Michael Creger, Bruce Harding, Ted Johnson, David Levin, Diane Oestreich, Bruce Peterson, and Lorian Swanson. Commissioners Jason Lopez, Nom Moline, Kevin Nolan and Berlinda Tyler-Jamison were absent. Also in attendance were Ben Griffith and Brandy Howe.

**AN ORDER APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING**

The Commission considered the matter of approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting. Chairman Levin asked if there were any revisions or corrections necessary and hearing none, asked for a motion. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Creger seconded the motion and the Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION**

Ms. Howe provided an update on Comprehensive Planning activities, including visioning workshops, focus group meetings and the Community Survey results from Constant Contact. She reviewed the meeting packet items which included more detailed results from these earlier meetings, as well as a summary of the public comments with pie charts from the Community Survey results which she had provided to the Commissioners after the meeting packet had been distributed.

Ms. Howe began by reviewing the questionnaire, which included the following seven questions:

1. What do you value most about the City of Rock Island?
2. What are the most appealing things about Rock Island and what about Rock Island is getting better?
3. What are the least appealing things about Rock Island and what about Rock Island is getting worse?
4. What is missing in Rock Island? What types of uses or improvements (i.e. stores, restaurants, parks, trails, etc.) would you like to see added to the City?

5. How should Rock Island set itself apart from other communities in the Quad Cities? What is/should be our “niche?”
6. What do you believe are the City’s three most significant opportunities for the future?
7. What do you believe are the top three threats or challenges Rock Island will face over the next 20 years?

The Planning Commissioners discussed the questions individually and collectively and Ms. Howe listed their responses on a large flip-chart. The Commissioners then moved on to the mapping exercise. Ms. Howe provided two large aerial maps and colored markers, asking them to identify areas of particular interest, those needing improvement or special attention and areas of opportunity for future development. Comments and notes were written directly into the maps. At the conclusion of the mapping exercise, Ms. Howe stated that she would compile the data collected along with what had been collected from the two community visioning exercises and incorporate it into the draft of the comprehensive planning document.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments provided at the meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Howe announced that the City had been selected to be a Pilot Community for the American Planning Association’s initiative to develop comprehensive plan standards for sustainable places. Rock Island was one of ten communities across the nation to be selected. Ms. Howe said she would e-mail the weblink to the Planning Commissioners.

Mr. Griffith reported that there will be a regular Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 5. He stated that a couple of items had already been submitted and the submittal deadline wasn’t until October 16. He also reminded the Commissioners to be mindful of *ex parte* communication and to call the Planning Office with any questions about any upcoming agenda items.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Creger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 PM, which was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission would be November 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Ben Griffith, AICP