

# Request For City Council Action

Date: September 7, 2010

<b>Agenda Section:</b> Consent Agenda  <b>No.</b> 5	<b>Originating Department:</b>  City Clerk's Office
<b>Item:</b> Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees  <b>No.</b> 5.4	<b>Approved:</b>

Attached for Council review and acceptance are minutes of meetings from City boards, commissions and committees which have recently been sent to the City Clerk's Office.

**Recommended Action:**

The Council is requested to accept the following sets of minutes and place them on file:

- Board of Fire and Police Commissioners - July 27, 2010
- Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees - July 14, 2010
- Fire Fighters Pension Fund Board of Trustees - May 12, 2010
- Human Relations Commission - April 5, 2010
- Planning Commission - July 7, 2010
- Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees - June 22, 2010
- Preservation Commission - July 19, 2010
- Sustainability Commission - June 17, 2010

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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Council Action: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



## Board of Fire and Police Commissioners July 27, 2010

The City of Carbondale's Board of Fire and Police Commissioners held a meeting on Tuesday, July 27, 2010, in Room 103 of the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Avenue. Chairman Harvey Welch called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with the following-named members of the Board present/absent:

### 1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Pete Emmett and Jack Whitlock; Chairman Harvey Welch. Commissioner Dexter Wakefield entered the meeting at 2:35 p.m..

Excused: Commissioner Pat Justice

Also present were Deputy City Clerk Jean Garrett, City Clerk Janet Vaught, Administrative Services Director Deborah McCoy and Deputy Police Chief Jeff Grubbs

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner P. Emmett moved, Commissioner J. Whitlock seconded, that the minutes of the Board's Regular and Closed meetings held on April 30, 2010, be approved. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared.

### 3. Discussion on Interview Techniques

Administrative Services Director Deborah McCoy presented Discussion on Interview Techniques. She provided a list of information to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners about what sorts of questions are legal to ask a candidate during an oral interview setting and what types of questions are illegal to ask a candidate during an oral interview setting. For example the questions which ask if an individual has ever been convicted or arrested, this is usually covered with the background investigation check portion of the interview process. The candidate already knows that after he or she successfully completes all phases of the examination process, there is going to be a police background investigation check as well. Therefore, anything in terms of a conviction or arrest will be revealed during the background investigation check. It was also suggested that sometimes by rephrasing the questions, we can still obtain the same information. As we know, it is illegal to ask someone what is your age, but we can rephrase the question by asking are you eighteen (18) years or older if the job requires that the individual is to be eighteen (18) years or older.

Chairman Harvey Welch thanked the Administrative Services Director for providing the Board with a thorough review and a refresher of the interview process. City Clerk Janet Vaught asked that of the things that were discussed in regards to what questions that the Board can ask and cannot ask, if this also applies to the background investigation questionnaire. The background investigation questionnaire that we distribute to the candidates asks for the candidate's date of birth, and it also asks if the candidate was honorably discharged from the military. The questionnaire also requests a copy of the candidates' marriage certificate, the divorce decree, and their children birth certificates. Are these things improper to ask for while they are just candidates and are not being hired? The response was that it is proper to ask these kinds of questions if the individual is a police officer candidate or a fire fighter candidate. However, it is improper to ask those kinds of questions for other types of City positions.

There was mentioning that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners has a "script" with questions that the candidates are asked during their oral interview. The Commissioners were asked if they would like for the City Clerk and the Administrative Services Director to take a look at the oral interview script

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to see if some of the questions could be slightly improved. The response from the Board was that they would like for the City Clerk and the Administrative Services Director to review this script and make any necessary improvements that are needed.

#### 4. Discussions and recommendation on Police examination

In response to Board inquiry, the Deputy Chief provided information to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners about the entry level police officer written examination. The materials which were provided to the BFPC indicated details about the testing Background for the Stanard & Associates exam and the past IPMA exam. Also, included with the documented materials was a comparison of the test results for both exams from previous testing cycles. Deputy Chief also talked about other areas of the testing process which included the test instrument comparison, the candidates' tutorial session, the study guides, the passing score and the writing proficiency.

In response to Board inquiry, the Deputy Chief said that the CPS writing proficiency exam is actually scored by professors who are employed by CPS from the University of California. The cost for the CPS exam is a \$350.00 base fee per exam, and \$15.00 per candidate. The Deputy Chief said that he did not believe that there was a study guide available with the CPS Writing Proficiency part of the exam. The other main difference with the writing proficiency exam is the scoring. The scoring is setup based on a scale of one (1) to six (6). Commissioner Whitlock expressed to the Board that he did like the idea of the writing proficiency exam being graded by professionals who could give you a concrete response of that writing without being bias. Commissioner Whitlock said that after reviewing the entire document he was in favor of the bottom-line, and that he unofficially recommends that the Board accepts this recommendation from the Police Department and utilize the CPS exam with the additional Writing Proficiency. Mr. Whitlock added that it is very important for a police officer to be able to write not only legibly, but logically as well. When this report is read, whether the report is read immediately or ten years later, it is vitally important to be able to understand everything about that situation.

Commissioner J. Whitlock moved, Commissioner P. Emmett seconded that the Board accept and approve the recommendation from the Police Department to utilize the CPS Exam with the additional Writing Proficiency Exam. DISCUSSION: The Board asked the Administrative Services Director if she could help with the development of some type of standards for the writing proficiency portion of the CPS exam to be concurrent with the motion. The Administrative Services Director inquired about the passing score for the CPS written exam. City Clerk Vaught explained that the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Governing Rules indicates that a candidate must receive a passing score of 70. This would also be the passing score for the written proficiency as well. With the written proficiency exam being on a one (1) to six (6) scale, she did not know exactly how this would equate to a score of 70, unless the Board is inclined to change their 70 passing score. However, the Board has the discretion to set the score no matter which test is being used. All who were present agreed that the passing score should be kept at 70% with the CPS exam and the additional Writing Proficiency exam.

In response to Board inquiry, the City Clerk said that the deadline for turning in police applications is two weeks prior to the written exam. The tutorial session is given one week prior to the written exam. Because of the time constraint, we probably would not be able to get the CPS testing prepared in time for the September 20, 2010 police exam. All who were present agreed that we should have some type of tutorial in place with the CPS exam. Deputy Chief Grubbs added that the department could utilize their staff to conduct what he refers to as an orientation. This orientation could be administered in the same manner as Stanard & Associates Tutorial Session by providing candidates with a study guide. The consensus of the Board is that for the September 20, 2010 police exam, we will use the Stanard & Associates exam. Because of the numerous changes that are required to change exams in a mid stream, the CPS exam with the additional Writing Proficiency will begin with the 2011 police testing.

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Chairman Welch gave clarity to the motion. The motion is to accept the recommendation conditionally from the Police Department in developing a tool to deal with the writing difficulty of the exam. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

**5. Setting of date for Entry Level Fire Fighter Oral Interviews**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2010 to conduct Entry Level Fire Fighter Oral Interviews.

There was no formal action taken as a result of the closed meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Emmett moved, Commissioner Whitlock seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Jean Garrett  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_

**Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees**

July 14, 2010  
4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room  
405 West Main St.

**MINUTES**

**Call to order:**

4:30pm outgoing President Helen Repp called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

**Board members present:**

Outgoing President: Helen Repp  
Incoming President: Roland Person (1)  
Vice President: Barbara Levine  
Incoming Secretary: Harriet Simon  
Treasurer: Joyce Hayes  
Pat Brigham  
Don Prosser (1)  
Julian Pei  
Zachary Sapienza

**Board members absent:**

None.

The number following a Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

**Staff members present:**

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

**Visitors present:**

None

**President's report:**

1. Election of Trustee officers to begin service July, 2010

Helen Repp did not receive correspondence from the Mayor confirming or denying her position on the Board, so she will resign as President, but continue to serve on the Board. Julian Pei nominated Roland Person as the new president. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Julian Pei nominated Harriet Simon as Secretary. Roland Person Seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

## 2. Trustee Oaths of Office

Trustee Oaths of Office administered. Signed by Secretary.

### **Secretary's report**

#### 1. Approval of the June 16, 2010 minutes.

Julian Pei corrected the word "exemptions" to "reductions." Don Prosser moved to approve minutes with that correction. Helen Repp seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence and communications**

1. City of Carbondale Annexation of Property. Discussed.
2. Letter from Building & Neighborhood Services Inspector regarding two dead trees. Discussed. The Director will seek bids for tree removal.

Incoming President Roland Person asked all to join in thanking outgoing President Helen Repp for her service.

### **Financial report**

#### 1. Approval of bills payable July 16, 2009 to August 15, 2010.

Harriet Simon motioned to approve bills. Zachary Sapienza seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

#### 2. Acceptance of the financial report for June 2010.

Discussed high water bill resulting from the broken valve in the water-powered HVAC unit. Julian Pei motioned to accept the financial report. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

#### 3. Adopt Prevailing Wage ordinance

Discussed the meaning of the ordinance. Anyone with whom the library contracts must pay prevailing wage. Don Prosser motioned to adopt the prevailing wage ordinance. Joyce Hayes seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Librarian's report**

Discussed librarian's report; the HVAC unit repairs; two incident reports.

## **Committee reports**

### 1. Five Year Planning Committee

A series of groups (staff, trustees, public, Friends, volunteers) will meet for brainstorming sessions to provide input for the five year plan. It was decided that the Board would meet for their brainstorming session Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 4pm-6pm. The Director will send discussion questions ahead of time.

Julian Pei moved to accept minutes of the July 8, 2010 Five Year Plan Committee meeting. Helen Repp seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### 2. Finance Committee

Don Prosser moved to accept minutes of the June 2, 2010 Finance Committee meeting. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

Report from committee Chair Don Prosser. Don Prosser and Diana Sussman can go to the next City Counsel meeting if the library needs to be on the agenda.

## **Unfinished business**

Furlough policy proposed:

Any employee taking unpaid furlough leave will continue to accrue all benefits appropriate to her or his position. If in the course of furlough leave it becomes imperative that an employee attend to work, a minimum of one-half day's wages will be paid to the employee for each day work is required and reported. In the case of the Library Director being furloughed, the Board of Trustees may delegate authority to others. However, such delegation does not negate the authority of the Director. Furlough leave will be documented as a normal leave of absence request and shall include the word "furlough" in that documentation.

Barbara Levine moves to accept policy. Harriet Simon seconds. MOTION passed unanimously.

## **New business**

1. Closed Executive Session: Personnel. To determine the validity of a complaint. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

Don Prosser moved to go into executive session to discuss the validity of a complaint involving specific personnel. Julian Pei seconded. MOTION passed unanimously. Regular meeting recessed, recorded executive session called to order by Roland Person at 5:46p.m.

Roland Person concluded executive session and resumed regular session at 6:13pm.

Roll call taken again by President. All Trustees present: Repp; Levine; Hayes; Person; Brigham; Prosser; Simon; Pei; Sapienza. Staff present: Sussman.

Roland noted that the Board had met in executive session to discuss a matter of personnel.

**Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment**

Roland Person adjourned meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Simon, Secretary  
Prepared by Diana Brawley Sussman



**CITY OF CARBONDALE  
FIRE FIGHTER'S PENSION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES  
9:00 AM, MAY 12, 2010  
CIVIC CENTER, ROOM #103**

**PRESENT:** Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. **ABSENT:** Mike Hertz.  
**GUESTS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ted Lomax called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**ELECTIONS**

Ted Lomax presented the election results for one firefighter position. There was one nomination received from March 29 through April 4 for Ted Lomax. An election was held at the fire stations April 5 through April 9. Ted Lomax received twenty-four votes, with no write-ins. Motion made by Ernie Tessone to canvass the election. Seconded by Cliff Manis. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried. Motion made by Cliff Manis to destroy ballots. Seconded by Ernie Tessone. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried. Motion made by Cliff Manis to appoint Ted Lomax as President. Seconded by Ernie Tessone. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried. Motion made by Ted Lomax to appoint Cliff Manis as Vice-President. Seconded by Ernie Tessone. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried. Motion made by Ted Lomax to appoint Mike Hertz as Secretary. Seconded by Cliff Manis. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Ernie Tessone to approve minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Cliff Manis. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ernie Tessone presented the Treasurer's Report and Market Value Comparison for period ending April 30, 2010. Investments showed an increase of \$301,602 since January's statement. Mr. Tessone said that balances shown reflect what is occurring in the market and that the fund is currently invested in 65% fixed and 35% equities. Expenses totaled \$267,974, of which \$263,505

was payroll. See attached General Ledger Report for details. Motion made by Cliff Manis to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Deborah McCoy. VOTE: AYES: Cliff Manis, Deborah McCoy, Ernie Tessone, Ted Lomax. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ted Lomax stated that Mike Hertz is still working on the annual physical examination information. Mr. Hertz will bring back to the next meeting. Deborah McCoy will invite a representative from SIH Work Care to attend the meeting as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ted Lomax will contact Mike Hertz to find any upcoming board training. This information will be sent out to all board members via email as soon as it is available.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Deborah McCoy to adjourn at 9:17 am. Seconded by Ernie Tessone. VOTE: All Ayes. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2010 at 9:00 am.

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Mike Hertz, Secretary



**Carbondale Human Relations Commission Meeting  
April 5, 2010  
Carbondale Civic Center**

**Commissioners Present:** John Holmes, Hugh Muldoon, Kristin Gregory, Jeraldine Brown, Sidney Logwood

**Commissioners Excused:** Alice Winters

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Study Circle Staff:** Lana Bardo, Coordinator, **(Absent)** Sarah Heyer, Asst. Coordinator **(Present)**

**Guest Present:** Todd Sigler, Director--SIUC Department of Public Safety, Ty Cratic, Barb Eidlin,--  
Carbondale Main Street

**Staff Present:** Marilyn James

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Commissioner Holmes.

**Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Logwood and seconded by Commissioner Muldoon to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2010 meeting with minor corrections. Motion carried.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Muldoon announced that several events have been scheduled regarding Buckminster Fuller for the week of April 18 - 22, 2010.

Commissioner Holmes announced that he is moving out of the city limits of Carbondale at the end of April. In the past the HRC body has selected a chair through nominations to be considered for approval by the Mayor.

Barb Eidlin of Main Street shared information regarding the Farmers Market that is held in the Town Plaza each Wednesday starting May 1, 2010 and continuing through October 31, 2010.

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**Race Relations**

No report.

**Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association**

Ms James reported that the FY 2011 Budget is available for public viewing at the City Clerk's office, the Eurma C. Hayes Center and the Carbondale Public Library.

**Study Circle Reports**

A. Housing and Neighborhood - Ms. Heyer commented on the groups ongoing concern regarding the merging of the Assistant City Manager and Development Services Director positions.

B. Continuing the Dialogue/Education Group - No report

**Membership**

Guest - Ty Cratic mentioned that he had submitted a letter of interest regarding serving on the Commission but had not been appointed.

**Other Reports**

Commissioner Holmes called for nominations for interim chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Commission Muldoon to serve as interim chair. Commissioner Gregory seconded. Motion carried. As of May 1, 2010, Commissioner Muldoon will serve as interim.

Commissioner Muldoon expressed concern regarding the current Affirmative Action Plan and its implementation. Continued concern was expressed by Commission regarding proposed elimination of the Community Relations/Affirmative Action Officer position.

**Next Meeting - May 3, 2010**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



## MINUTES

**Carbondale Planning Commission  
Wednesday, July 7, 2010  
City Hall/Civic Center  
7:00 p.m.**

Mr. Barke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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**Members Present:** Barke, Brazley, Fronabarger, Kang, Lilly, Love,  
Jack (ex-officio)

**Members Absent:** Harvey, Hunsaker

**Staff Present:** Wallace, Jones

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### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Lilly moved, seconded by Mr. Fronabarger, to approve the minutes of May 19 and June 2, 2010. The motion to approve the minutes passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Report of Officers, Committees, Communications:**

Mr. Barke stated there were no reports.

Mr. Barke stated that he was recusing himself from the first case, because the applicant's representative is a partner in the same law firm, creating a possible conflict of interest.

### **Public Hearings:**

- A. A. PC 11-01**, 7:00 p.m. V.A. Beadle requests to rezone a 1.36 acre parcel of land located at 4 Crown Lane from RR, Rural Residential to SB, Secondary Business.

Mr. Kang declared Public Hearing PC 11-01 open and asked Mr. Wallace to read the legal notice.

Mr. Wallace read the legal notice.

Mr. Kang asked Ms. Jones to present the staff report.

Ms. Jones, Planner for the City of Carbondale, was sworn in and read parts A and B of the staff report.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions of the staff.

There were none.

Mr. Kang asked if the applicant was present and wished to speak.

Mr. Don Prosser came forward and stated that he was the representative for the applicant, Dr. Beadle, who was also present. He stated that he had four points to discuss in regard to the hearing; the history of the parcel, why Secondary Business is the appropriate zoning for the parcel, the Comprehensive Plan as raised in the staff report, and to address any problems that may be perceived in regard to the requested zoning. He stated that Dr. Beadle's dental office has been there since 1973, prior to Carbondale's zoning ordinance and that there has never been any problems regarding it. He reviewed the steps taken, beginning last year, to rezone the subject property, and stated the PA would be spot zoning, which is not the goal of the City, so it only makes sense for it to be zoned SB. He spoke about the intersection serving the business and no commercial development south until Makanda is reached, and the fact that Dr. Beadle has no plans to change the land use but does want the freedom to develop the land for the highest and best use if he cannot find someone to take over his business at some point. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan is misleading in the way it shows the AG where there is none, and SB areas on the map near Dr. Beadle's office. He stated that many residents will be heard from this evening, but that the nearest home is over 300' away, that all homes can be well-buffered from the business, and reasonable growth on the south side of Carbondale needs to be fostered. He offered to answer questions, and stated that Dr. Beadle was also available for questions.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions of staff from Commissioners.

Mr. Brazley asked Dr. Beadle if he had any visions of what might be on the property in the future.

Dr. Beadle came forward, identified himself, and responded that he has no plans to change his professional life at all, but that interest has been expressed for the purchase of his business so that he could retire until the potential buyer learned that the zoning was Rural Residential, at which time they backed out. He stated that he would also like to expand his office and needs the proper zoning to do so.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the application.

There was no one.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition of the application.

Ms. Stephanie Gollither came forward, identified herself, and stated that she and her husband represent Lynda Martin, Robert Henderson and Lena Gollither at 7 and 223

Robbin Road. She said that as long time residents adjacent to the subject property, they do not want the land to be rezoned. She expressed the concern over already unsafe traffic conditions there, saying that the rezoning would only cause additional burdens on the nearby homeowners. She stated that she has a petition with 70 signatures in opposition to the rezoning so that the spirit of the neighborhood can prevail and not allow the rezoning to adversely affect property values, cause more traffic congestion and put an additional burden on the Unity Point School and families. She then gave the petition to the Commission to be added to the record.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions for Ms. Gollither.

Mr. Brazley asked her how long she and the other people she said she was representing have lived in the community.

Ms. Gollither stated that her mother-in-law, Lena Gollither, has lived there since 1968 and the rest of them have lived there since the early 1970's, and that she lives two miles south.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any further questions for Ms. Gollither.

There were none.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

Ms. Jane Childers came forward, identified herself and stated that she lives at 383 Robbin Road, which is directly south of Dr. Beadle's office. She said that her understanding is that the subject property is supposed to be posted prior to a public hearing, and that this property has not been posted.

Mr. Wallace responded that the property must be posted within 7 days prior to the hearing, and that Ms. Jones posted it last Wednesday.

Ms. Childers stated that the sign is not there.

Mr. Wallace stated that there have been times that the signs were stolen off the property.

Ms. Childers responded that there are also times when the sign has been deliberately moved so that neighbors and other community members are not aware of the situation. She said that school board members would have been present at this meeting if the sign had been up, and that Dr. Beadle knew the sign should be there and neglected to report it to anyone. She said that it was obvious that Mr. Prosser has been speaking to Mr. Wallace, and asked when their last contact was.

Mr. Wallace stated that the sign was posted according to regulations, and that the last time he spoke to Mr. Prosser was last Wednesday.

Ms. Childers stated that she did not receive a notice until she got back into town on Wednesday, giving the residents less than a week to prepare, whereas Mr. Beadle and Mr. Prosser have been preparing for a long time. She said that the SB zoning would mean that she could have a McDonalds 250 feet from her door, because Dr. Beadle could sell the property to any sort of business he wanted to if granted that zoning designation. She added that no one has developed anything on the other two corners that are zoned SB, and that shows that no one wants to develop that area, which would lose tax dollars for the City. She noted that Mr. Prosser had stated that the structure has always been a dentist's office and that is incorrect, as it used to be a residence. She stated that Dr. Beadle said that he wants to expand, but also said that it would not impact the area. She added that both statements cannot be true, and that expansion would cause even more traffic and safety issues for all the children in the area that go to the school to use the playground equipment. She said that she sees this as a detriment to the area, and that Dr. Beadle's freedom to do what he wants to with his property should not come at her expense.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

Mr. Jack Childers came forward, identified himself as the previous speaker's husband, and stated that he has been neighbors with Dr. Beadle's office for many years without any problems, but his concern is what might be on the property in the future if the rezoning is granted. He wonders if he may have a Lion's Den adult book store next to his house later on. He then presented data from IDOT from 2005 – 2009 showing the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities at the two nearby intersections, saying that it supports the fact that any added traffic in the area is going to be a detriment to the school system because the buses travel through there.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions for Mr. Childers.

There were none.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

Mr. Carl Lass came forward, identified himself, stated that he lives at 240 New Campfire Road, and is in opposition to the rezoning. He said there are possible drainage issues, as there is no storm sewer system, and being three parcels south of the subject property with a creek on it he feels he may be impacted in that way. He added that he does feel the property has an agricultural feel because he can have chickens and a big garden, yet still feel as though he is part of a neighborhood, thus he is against the rezoning.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

Mr. Bruce Wahaib came forward, stated that he lives at 4103 South Illinois Avenue, which is the second residence east of the subject property. He said that the first notice he had of the rezoning request was when the petition came to his house, otherwise he would have been unaware of this hearing. He stated that he agreed with what others had said so

far in opposition, that safety has got to be everyone's top priority, and encouraged the Commission to contact Unity Point School in regard to the traffic dangers this would present. He expressed concern about the commercial venue in a neighborhood makes it a less desirable place to live, and therefore knocks property values down. He said that he understands that the dentist's office has been there for many years without problems, but there is certainly no guarantee that it will stay that way if this rezoning is approved. He stated that he can see the traffic stop lights through his west side residential windows now, and does not want to be looking at security lights, billboards, or parking lot lights. He asked that the Commission please take a hard look at this application, because approving it would change the entire outlook of the neighborhood and also cause a major safety issue.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions for Mr. Wahaib.

Mr. Brazley asked him how long he has lived at his current residence.

Mr. Wahaib responded that he moved there in November of 2007.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

Ms. Rosemary Clam came forward, identified herself, stated that she lives at 97 New Campfire Road, which is the closest residence to the north of Dr. Beadle's property. She expressed absolute opposition to the rezoning, and noted that the corner across from Dr. Beadle's office is zoned SB because he had it rezoned himself several years ago, which she was also against. She said that she did not see a public hearing sign, even though she drives past the property every day. She cited safety, sewage, pollution, and extra traffic as main concerns, as well as negatively effecting property values in the area. She added that she and her husband have lived in their home there since 1971.

Mr. Kang asked if anyone else wished to speak in opposition.

There was no one.

Mr. Kang asked Ms. Jones to continue with the report.

Ms. Jones read parts C and D of the staff report with a recommendation to deny PC 11-01.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any questions of staff from Commissioners.

There were none.

Mr. Kang asked if there were questions from anyone to anyone.

Mr. Fronabarger asked staff why the zoning was changed from SB to AG from the previous Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Wallace responded that when looking at the areas outside the City, they seemed to be more agricultural in nature.

Mr. Fronabarger asked if the business' structure could be expanded and retain its special use status.

Mr. Wallace responded that, since there are no restrictions or conditions put on the special use, that yes, it would retain its current status if an addition was constructed.

Mr. Don Prosser came forward and asked if the subject property currently has a special use, because his understanding is that it is a prior non-conforming use.

Mr. Wallace explained that a legally, non-conforming structure is a use that is taking place in a district in which it is not allowed at all, whereas professional offices are allowed in a Rural Residential district as a special use. He added that when the property was included in the zoning back in 1974, it was basically granted a special use since it would have been allowed as a special use in the Rural Residential zone.

Mr. Prosser asked isn't it a fact that no special use has ever been granted to Dr. Beadle, so that his use would be a prior non-conforming use.

Mr. Wallace responded that by default, it becomes a lawful special use.

Mr. Prosser asked if any subsequent owner would have to apply for a special use and obtain permission from the City Council in order to expand the current configuration of the building than exists today.

Mr. Wallace responded no, because it is different from a non-conforming use.

Mr. Prosser asked Mr. Wallace to refer his question to the City Attorney, because he does not believe Mr. Wallace is correct. \*

\*After consulting with the City Attorney subsequent to this meeting, it was confirmed that Mr. Wallace's assertion is correct in that Dr. Beadle's office could legally be expanded under the current special use provisions.

Mr. Brazley asked what type of businesses would be allowed in the SB District.

Mr. Kang asked Mr. Brazley to refer to his list of uses allowed in the SB District.

Mr. Kang asked if there were any further questions from anyone to anyone.

There were none.

Mr. Kang closed the public hearing on PC 11-01 and asked for a motion on the findings of fact.

Mr. Brazley moved, seconded by Ms. Lilly, that the Commission accept as findings of fact Parts A and B of the staff report for PC 11-01, that the applicant was present, the applicant's legal representative was present and spoke, no one spoke in favor, six people spoke in opposition, and a petition was presented with seventy signatures in opposition.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kang asked for a vote on the recommendation to the City Council.

Mr. Brazley moved, seconded by Mr. Fronabarger, that the Commission recommend approval of PC 11-01 as presented by staff.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes - 4 (Brazley, Kang, Lilly, Love)

No – 1 (Fronabarger)

Mr. Kang stated that the motion passed and that this matter will be on the City Council agenda at their next meeting.

**B. PC 11-02**, Patterson Industries requests to rezone from PUD to PA at 1209 E. Walnut.

Mr. Barke declared Public Hearing PC 11-02 open and asked Mr. Wallace to read the legal notice.

Mr. Wallace read the legal notice.

Mr. Barke asked Mr. Wallace to present the staff report.

Mr. Wallace, Senior Planner for the City of Carbondale, was sworn in and read parts A and B of the staff report.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any questions of staff.

There were none.

Mr. Barke asked Mr. Wallace what the previous zoning status was prior to it being PUD, noting that the PUD had been granted two extensions.

Mr. Wallace responded that it was AG, PA, and R-3.

Mr. Barke asked if the applicant couldn't have completed his project under the AG and PA zoning designations.

Mr. Wallace responded yes, under the PA he could have if the portion of the land with that zoning designation was in the location that the applicant wanted to construct his project.

Mr. Barke asked if the applicant was present and wished to speak.

Dr. P. Reddy came forward, identified himself, and stated that his wife is the owner of the property but that she is out of town so he is representing her. He said that there is a great need in Carbondale for a temple, and that the land would be donated to construct one if the rezoning is granted. He stated that there are no plans for the north end of the property at this time. He said there would be approximately 80 to 100 families that he is aware of that will use the temple, and that they currently meet at one of their homes once a month. However, he added that the use will be almost always on weekends, that he does not expect more than twenty families attending at any one time, and that he expects it to be attended well by students. He addressed a drainage issue on the property, saying that he plans to put in a fountain to deal with part of the runoff, and fill in the other drainage area. He then offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Barke asked how long Patterson Industries has owned the property.

Dr. Reddy stated that they just purchased it last December.

Mr. Barke clarified that it was not Patterson Industries that requested and received the two PUD extensions when the owners failed to develop a plan for the land.

Dr. Reddy confirmed that no, that was prior to their ownership.

Mr. Barke asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in favor.

There was no one.

Mr. Barke asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition.

There was no one.

Mr. Barke asked Mr. Wallace to continue with the staff report.

Mr. Wallace read parts C and D, with a recommendation to approve PC 11-02.

Mr. Barke asked if this use was consistent with the new Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Wallace responded yes, because it is in a high commercial area, and the urban center is designed for compact office development.

Mr. Barke asked if the probable subdivision of the property would create any problems with this rezoning, or would the zoning carry over.

Mr. Wallace responded that the zoning would carry over with the property.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any further questions of Mr. Wallace.

There were none.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any questions from anyone to anyone.

Mr. Dirk Borgmiller came forward, identified himself, stated that he is 80% owner of Sports Blast, and that he is not in favor or opposed to the rezoning but wanted to address the drainage problem. He said that it looks like the road, Sports Blast Drive, is going to cave in because of erosion from storm drainage flooding the area, even after a small amount of rain. He wanted to be sure that the prospective builders of the temple knew the extent of the problem, adding that the water from the pond also goes over the road to the east and feels that there are many issues that are just bizarre. He said that the pond is about two feet deep, collects trash, produces mosquitos, and causes problems for the road when it rains. He offered to help his neighbors any way he can, and asked the City to come out and look at the road and the two detention ponds, and suggested they build the temple on the north of the property rather than the south, because there are many times he cannot even get to his property due to flooding on the roadway.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any other questions from anyone to anyone.

Mr. Larry Edgerton came forward and stated that over the years, this entire area has flooded badly because the pond is a result of a bar hold used to build the road.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any further questions from anyone to anyone.

Mr. Fronabarger asked if the developers for the temple would have to obtain approval from the City prior to building.

Mr. Wallace responded yes, a site plan would have to be approved first.

Mr. Fronabarger asked what other uses would be permitted on the subject property if the temple congregation folded at some point in the future.

Mr. Wallace referred Mr. Fronabarger to the matrix that was distributed earlier this evening.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any further questions.

There were none.

Mr. Barke declared PC 11-02 closed, and asked for a motion on the findings of fact.

Mr. Kang moved, seconded by Mr. Brazley, that the Commission accept Parts A and B of the staff report, that the applicant was present and spoke, that no one spoke in favor or opposition, and that there were a few people with general comments and questions.

The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Barke asked for a motion as to the recommendation to the City Council.

Mr. Kang moved, seconded by Ms. Lilly, that the Commission recommend approval of PC 11-02 as presented by staff.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes – 6 (Barke, Brazley, Fronabarger, Kang, Lilly, Love)

No - 0

Mr. Barke stated that the motion passed, and will be on the City Council agenda at their meeting of July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## **5. Old Business**

None.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Discussion of Comprehensive Plan Implementation**

Mr. Kang requested that Mr. Wallace look into a way the Commission could honor Ms. Kathy Hall in some way for her many years of service on the Planning Commission. Other Commissioners echoed the sentiment, and Mr. Wallace stated that he will look into it.

Mr. Barke asked Mr. Fronabarger to speak to the issue of the item of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation on the agenda, since he had requested at a prior meeting that it be addressed.

Mr. Fronabarger stated that his basic concern is the combination of the City's Assistant City Manager for Economic Development position with the Development Services Director's position. He read a paragraph from the Comprehensive Plan that supports his concern regarding the importance of economic development to the City,

and another that supports his concern regarding the significance of effectively implementing the Plan. He said that the fifteen-member Comprehensive Plan Review Committee sent the Mayor their recommendation that the City Planning staff must be augmented because we are dealing with the future of our City in this time of meeting a crossroads. He asked that the Commission recommend that the City Council look into funding two full-time director positions.

Mr. Kang asked Mr. Fronabarger if he would like to make a formal motion to that effect.

Mr. Fronabarger stated that he moves to recommend that the City Council look into funding two full-time director positions, one for Economic Development and one for Planning Services.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kang.

Mr. Barke stated that the City made cuts in departments that they felt were necessary to help balance the budget, and that there is only so much money. He asked if there are other areas to trim the fat to provide for these positions, but agreed with Mr. Fronabarger that they are needed. He compared the City's budget woes to the State's, saying that many entities are waiting for the State to pay expected funding but it is not forthcoming.

Mr. Fronabarger responded that he does not believe that these two areas are where the cuts should be made, since economic development is the driving force and brings in more sales tax revenue, which the City is heavily dependent upon. He added that there are areas within the City operations where funds can be decreased and be used as a basis to afford two full-time directors.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Tom Redmond came forward, stated that he lives at 906 West Schwartz Street, and spoke from experience as a former Development Services Director for many years when stating that it is critical to have adequate staff to implement the new plan. He noted that long range planning gets put on the back burner while Planners deal with day-to-day questions and cases, and that the Commission needs to ask the Council to find the money to fund this priority. He stated that Mr. Baity does a great job for the City, but there are role conflicts that can happen in the way that the economic director deals with a project and the way the planners have to deal with enforcing the code while the site plan progresses. He said that one person having both roles can present problems and that both are very time consuming and demanding, and that he therefore strongly supports the motion made by Mr. Fronabarger to fill these positions separately.

Mr. Barke asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Jack stated that the lack of funding was the discussion point when the Council was trying to decide where cuts should be made. He stated that, with the City's financial situation, it is a luxury to keep the people employed who are now employed and that they didn't want to get rid of anyone. He stated that he appreciates the circumstance that fewer people working in these positions create, but that there is only so much money to go around until revenues are generated we have to do more with less.

Mr. Kang stated that he understands the financial constraints, but asks the City Council acts on this as a priority.

Mr. Barke asked for a voice vote on the motion made by Mr. Fronabarger.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote .

**B. City Council Agenda of June 22, 2010**

Mr. Barke asked Mr. Jack to review this item.

Mr. Jack stated that the annexation on San Diego Road and the time extension for a final BPL on Reed Station Road were both approved, and that the Ordinance Adopting the new Comprehensive Plan passed with discussion regarding that the Plan works as a blueprint of where we want to go as a City, without filling in all the specific details. He added that a bid was accepted for the contract of a new Public Safety Center.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Barke adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

**Carbondale Police Pension Fund  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of June 22, 2010  
Presented July 27, 2010**

**Present**

Marvin Voss  
Mark Goddard  
Ernie Tessone

**Excused Absent:**

Mark Diedrick  
Jeff Rose

**Also Present:**

City Attorney Kimmel  
Scott Hendricks

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the 05/25/10 meeting were presented by Goddard. Tessone made a motion to accept the minutes, Goddard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The May Treasurer's report was presented by Ernie Tessone. Goddard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Voss 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**PAYMENTS:**

**Surviving Spouse Beneficiary**

Shirley D. Booker	1,425.47
Sarah E. Johnson	1,000.00
Sally A. Murphy	1,569.54
Terry L. Reno	3,088.63

**Disability Beneficiary**

Donald T. Barrett	2,593.58
Brad A. Boyd	2,799.23
John Elmer Butler	1,892.16
Howard M. Goin	2,958.92
William D. Holmes	2,815.50
Steve J. Michaels	1,326.66
Christine M. Mize	1,433.93
Buddy Murphy	1,470.30

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Julie L. Phillips	2,056.16
Katrina A. Phillips	2,138.72
Paul Staffey	3,428.26
Jeffrey D. Sykes	2,551.90
James Temple	2,206.58

**Retirement Beneficiary**

Hank Banycky	2,767.64
Kent A. Burn	2,669.80
Thomas S. Busch	2,970.78
Robert B. Conway	3,030.27
Randy L. Corey	2,652.16
Charles E. Doan	2,031.01
Paul Echols	4,159.47
Peter J. Emmett	3,585.79
Robert W. Goro	3,871.69
Larry D. Hill	2,849.67
Edward J. Hogan	4,019.64
Michael W. Johnson	2,823.97
Jon A. Kluge	3,134.58
Johnnie R. Knapp	3,194.62
Robert E. Ledbetter	5,654.84
Terry L. Mick	1,631.91
James R. Miller	2,354.01
Tim M. Moss	2,589.37
Brent Nausley	2,268.96
Stephen J. Odum	4,687.11
Michael Osifcin	3,895.43
Donnie Robbins	2,649.54
James M. Rossiter	2,628.29
Robert E. Scott	4,645.78

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Daniel Stearns	3,597.65
Dwight C. Stearns	4,544.36
Donald E. Strom	2,638.54
John Sytsma	5,012.34
Lynn M. Trella	2,211.60
Marvin P. Voss	2,045.72
Mark Wilson	2,147.53
Arthur E. Wright	2,145.91

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Scott Hendricks advised the Board that he has received a decision from the court regarding Jeff Vaughn's disability lawsuit. Hendricks advised the Board that Judge Grace ruled in Vaughn's favor. The Board discussed the court's decision and the options as outlined by Hendricks. Goddard made a motion to appeal the court's decision, Tessone 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion carried. Hendricks advised the Board he would appeal the court's decision.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Goddard made a motion to replace Dr. Blaise as the Board's primary physician for examinations being conducted on disability pensioners who are under the age of 50. Goddard discussed with the Board that it appeared as if tests were not being performed at the examinations. Tessone 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion carried.

Goddard submitted the application for pension by new officer Tyler Pingolt and made a motion to accept him into the pension. Tessone 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

The Board was presented with financial records indicating pensioner Kent Burns had been underpaid due to a calculation error in the amount of \$6,292.90. The check amount would be minus the \$1090.77 taxes for a total of \$5202.13. Goddard made a motion to pay Burns the money owed to him. Tessone 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

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Voss requested the Board send him to training in St. Louis, the IPPFA training conference being held in October. This training would count toward his state mandated training. The training cost would be the \$250.00 registration fee and a yet to be determined hotel bill. Goddard made a motion for the Board to pay for the training, Tessone 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

Tessone made a motion to adjourn after there was no more new business, Goddard 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting was set for July 27, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Goddard  
Carbondale Police Pension Board Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**City of Carbondale Preservation Commission**  
**Monday, July 19, 2010**  
**City Hall/Civic Center – 7:00 p.m.**

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1. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Koine called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**Members Present:** Clark, Deniston, Ittner, Koine, Rothe, VanAwken

**Members Absent:** Booker, Parkinson

**Staff Present:** Jones

**Guests:** Councilman Chris Wissman, Ann Knewitz, Brent Ritzel

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2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Ittner requested several changes be made to the June minutes. Ms. Koine requested one change be made to the April minutes. Ms. Ittner then moved, seconded by Ms. Rothe, that the minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup> be approved with those amendments, and the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote. Ms. Rothe moved, seconded by Ms. Ittner, to approve the minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> with one amendment, and the motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communications and Reports:**

**A. Educational and Technical Assistance Committee**

Ms. Ittner distributed a hand out with the progress and upcoming plans of this committee, and reviewed some of the items. There was general discussion of various possible ways that Commissioners can assist in the planned events.

Ms. Deniston spoke about two recent presentations that she had done, saying that they were very successful and that participants showed a lot of interest.

**B. Nomination and Hardship Review Committee**

Ms. Jones stated that the committee met to go over the Parkinson's application for designation, and that there were not many questions because of the extensive research that Becky Parkinson has done.

Ms. Koine stated that there are several criteria that the house meets for designation to the local register, so the Nomination and Hardship Review Committee is recommending that the Commission accept the nomination. She asked Ms. Jones about the public hearing.

Ms. Jones responded that the public hearing will be held at the August meeting, and go to the City Council in September for approval.

Mr. VanAwken stated that he would like the Commission to tour Mark and Rachel Robinson's house, and that they have a museum inside it and have done a great job at renovating it.

Ms. Koine stated that she would like to schedule the tour of the Robinson's home in conjunction with the September Commission meeting.

**4. Old Business:**

Ms. Koine asked Mr. VanAwken whether he and Mr. Parkinson had met yet regarding the gathering of additional information on demolitions.

Mr. VanAwken stated that Mr. Parkinson is out of town, so they have not been able to meet as of yet.

There was general discussion regarding upcoming meetings. Ms. Koine asked Ms. Jones to email Commissioners when she had more information on them.

**5. New Business:**

**A. Historical Park at Lincoln School Site**

Ms. Koine stated that this subject has been of great interest to Mr. VanAwken, but that it must be recognized that the Commission's place is in the historical site, rather than having any power over the parks in the City. She added that after discussion, there is hope to work with the Park District on this project, with permission from the City. She gave the floor to Mr. VanAwken.

Mr. VanAwken discussed the history of the property, saying that a woman named Doris who is in her 80's or 90's still lives in the 300 block of East College Street, and is very much in favor of the park. He asked Ms. Ittner to speak with Doris because she has a wealth of information regarding the history of the land. He spoke about Carbondale's part in the Civil War, the University's history on this particular land, and distributed materials to the Commissioners.

Ms. Koine spoke about the Emancipation Proclamation being celebrated in this area as the date it was recognized in Texas, and her wishes for it to be celebrated on a corrected date for when it reached southern Illinois.

Mr. VanAwken spoke about School District 95's receptiveness to the idea of donating the land, and reviewed two separate plans for the park formation. He spoke about the seven stations in the park, each with its own garden and dedication, with the first one being dedicated to the 55 soldiers who died fighting in the Civil War. He explained his ideas for signage showing the local and national importance of Carbondale's history at each station, with a main memorial in the center of the park. He reviewed his plan for the park itself, the signage at each station, the history of the college, and his hope for as the potential transfer of ownership and funding of the production. He stated that he asked Mayor Brad Cole for a written show of support for the park, and that the Mayor seemed receptive. He said that the City would have to put \$100,000 in an escrow account in order to fund the simple part of the park plan, and that the school district was receptive to the donation of the land if it could be guaranteed that an historic park would be put there. Mr. VanAwken asked if there were any questions.

Ms. Koine encapsulated the presentation by Mr. VanAwken regarding the park plan, and stated that the Commission can help by doing some of the research. She added that there is a need at this point to find out what the directive is from the City government since the Park District is an entity of its own.

Mr. Ritzel spoke in favor of the park, and Ms. Knewitz stated that this particular area park would help to pull the university and the City together, promote greenspace, and give young people in the neighborhood a nice place to go.

Ms. Koine stated that a historic park at this site could encourage people to visit the other historic places and markers around the City. She added that it could provide much needed attention to the hopes of getting a brown, historic site sign on I-57 that would help direct people to Carbondale.

Mr. Van Awken stated that this land is the common thread among all the government entities and that would be helpful in pulling everyone together. He said that he would like the Commission to vote on this project, and that he had very carefully chosen his working for the motion. He then moved that: We, the Carbondale Historical Preservation Committee, share Ed VanAwken's desire to keep the green space between East College and East Mill Street open to the public and designated as a recreational and historical site similar to the model developed by Ed VanAwken. We would be pleased to work with the school district to achieve that and perpetuity should they wish to convey that land to the citizens of Carbondale.

Ms. Ittner stated that she thinks the part about working with the school district should be stricken, and that "Committee" needs to be changed to "Commission".

She added that the wording should say that the Commission would support the project.

Ms. Koine stated that the wording may be changed before it is finished.

There were suggestions that the Commission consider different ways of phrasing the motion to come up with an agreed upon wording.

Ms. Deniston added that the proposed motion should say “The Carbondale Preservation Commission” without the word “Historical”.

Ms. Rothe stated that the Leadership Carbondale Steering Committee has discussed changing their Leadership Carbondale agenda to incorporate racial and ethnicity studies regarding Carbondale’s history and involvement in the Civil War, then comparing the issues as they are now. She said that perhaps this could be used to assist the park project.

Mr. Clark stated that a multi-departmental committee faction may be a good way to see what each is able to contribute to the project. He added that he thinks this is a great start, but the money side of it must be cultivated to drive the project.

Mr. VanAwken stated that he believes the political anvil is ready right now since the Mayor supports it and that the land committee expressed an eagerness to participate in the park project. He asked the Commissioners to consider going with him to the land committee, adding that they need to meet soon. He stated that he would like to have something in writing to present that shows unanimous backing by the Preservation Commission.

Ms. Koine stated that the only true authority the commission has is to make a recommendation to the City Council, and that she suggests they do so by recommending that they pursue the efforts started by Mr. VanAwken in developing a green space between East College Street and East Mill Street, open to the public and designated as a recreational and historical site, recognizing that this could be an economic boost to Carbondale, as well as a Preservation effort. And, that the City Council pursues cooperation with interested parties, being Carbondale Elementary School District #95, SIU-C, the Carbondale Police Department, and other entities as people seek. She suggested that this be submitted as a letter of recommendation to the City Council for their consideration.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark.

The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Koine asked Ms. Jones to prepare the proposed recommendation as a document ready for her signature.

Mr. VanAwken thanked Ms. Koine.

Ms. Deniston stated that she thinks Mr. VanAwken has done a fantastic job in researching and presenting his vision of the park site.

Mr. VanAwken thanked everyone, saying that this will give him more confidence when he goes to speak with the people from District 95.

**6. Comments by the Public, Commission Members and Staff:**

Ms. Ittner stated that she wished to speak to the guests at the meeting regarding the Commission's March 27<sup>th</sup> event.

**7. Adjournment:**

Ms. Deniston moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
**City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission**  
**Thursday, June 17, 2010**  
**City Hall/Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.**

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1. **Roll Call:** Eric White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Mr. White, Ms. Houghton, Mr. Stewardson, Mr. Miller, , Mr. Wodika, Ms. Pimentel, Mr. Bracewell, Ms. Elsenbroek

**Members Absent:** Mr. Muhlhausen, Mr. Fritzler

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2. **Minutes:**  
Minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Stewardson.

3. **Communications:**  
Kopper's wood treating site will be discussed at the next meeting of the Commission.

4. **Old Business:**

**A. Status of ordinance to allow chickens and goats in corporate limits**

Mr. White indicated that the issue is still being reviewed by staff.

**B. Program to Promote Use of Reusable Bags at Businesses**

It was noted that San Francisco, China and India have banned plastic bags by retailers. This month will be used to investigate the cost of plastic bags to the city, and possibly compostable bags.

**C. Status of reducing City's energy costs for street lighting.**

Mr. White indicated that we are waiting for the city to approve the release of information by Ameren so this can be pursued further.

**D. Rebate program for energy efficiency**

Mr. White will contact the newspapers to advertise

Ms. Elsenbroek will be asked to contact the DE to advertise.

5. **New Business:**

Mr. White indicated that he would contact Mr. Muhlhausen regarding his interest in continuing to serve on the Commission given he has missed the last four meetings.

Ms. Pimentel wants the issue of Styrofoam on next month's agenda.

6. **Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.