

Land Use and Development Committee Report

The Land Use and Development Committee of the McLean County Board was unable to hold an official meeting because of a lack of quorum being present on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 4:45 p.m. in Room 400, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Gordon, Members Ahart and Caisley

Members Absent: Members Baggett, Sweeney, and Segobiano

Other Board Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Mr. Phil Dick, Director, Building and Zoning, Mr. Brian Hug, Assistant State's Attorney, Mr. Andy Scott, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Building and Zoning, and Mr. Michael Brown, Director, Ecology Action Center

Others Present: Mr. Dennis Brtva, Candidate for the County Board

Chairman Gordon stated that due to not having a quorum present, the Committee would continue with an informational meeting. A Stand Up Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2008 for approval of the February 7, 2008 minutes and the February 29, 2008 bills.

Chairman Gordon invited Mr. Michael Brown, Director of the Ecology Action Center, to present the Ecology Action Center 2007 Annual Solid Waste Report.

Mr. Brown referred the Committee to the 2007 McLean County Solid Waste Program / Recycling Education Report. He stated this report presents a summary of the activities, school programs, public presentations, public events, and various activities of the Solid Waste and Recycling Program. He informed the Committee that the recycling rate for 2007 has not yet been calculated. When the final numbers are available, the Ecology Action Center will issue a Press Release, within the next couple of weeks. The recycling rate will be included in the Solid Waste Program's first quarter report. He stated that the Ecology Action Center has seen a steady upward trend in the recycling programs. On April 2, 2008, 3 different garden centers in the community will begin accepting plastic garden pots. Several drop-off dates have been confirmed throughout the year at the ISU Recycling building. The program is being well received.

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Chairman Gordon stated that from 1970 to present the Ecology Action Center has accomplished much. He pointed out the success of the Battery Recycling Program, a relatively new program.

Mr. Brown noted that the community and the County Board have been very supportive of the Solid Waste program. He is looking forward to the coming years.

Chairman Gordon asked Mr. Phil Dick, Director of Building and Zoning, if he had any information for the Committee.

Mr. Phil Dick informed the Committee of the following dates:

- Resource Conservation and Development Meeting, March 20, 2008, Decatur, IL
- Advancing Wind Power in Illinois Conference, June 25-26, 2008, the Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL
- Annual Leadership Conference, June 11, 2008, Champaign, IL

Mr. Caisley asked the status of the Northwest Wind Farm. Mr. Dick stated it has not been approved in Woodford County. A hearing has been scheduled in Woodford County. Mr. Brian Hug, Assistant State's Attorney, has been working on the Court case involving the Inveregy Wind Farm in McLean County.

Mr. Hug noted that the Inveregy Wind Farm is still in litigation. He stated that the County is still trying to finalize a set of pleadings. With the change in Judges, we have seen some improvement. The issues have been narrowed. Hearings have been scheduled every two weeks since the first of the year. This issue will not be resolved soon.

Chairman Gordon asked if there was any other information to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he declared the meeting over.

Respectfully Submitted

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary

