

**DELAWARE-MUNCIE METROPOLITAN PLAN COMMISSION
DECEMBER - 2021 SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA**

DATE: December 9, 2021

PLACE: Commissioner's Court Room
3rd Floor, Delaware County
Building

TIME: 6:00 P.M

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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| Kathy Carey | Shannon Henry | |
| Jerry Dishman | Teresa Hensley | Rickie Sipe |
| J. P. Hall | Jesse Landess | Allen Wiseley |
| | Jud Motsenbocker | |
| | Advisory Members | |
| Tom Borchers | Adam Leach | Laurynn Thieme |

NEW BUSINESS:

MPC 08-21A Jurisdiction: City Council and County Commissioners
Being a public hearing for review of the Muncie-Delaware County
Comprehensive Plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

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MINUTES**

The Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission held a special meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., in the Commissioner's Court Room of the Delaware County Building, Muncie, Indiana. Vice-President Jerry Dishman called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Moody called roll and the following members were present: Ms. Carey, Mr. Dishman, Ms. Hensley, Mr. Motsenbocker, Ms. Sipe, and Mr. Wiseley. Absent: Mr. Borchers, Mr. Hall, Mr. Henry, Mr. Landess, Mr. Stephens-Hotopp, and Ms. Thieme.

Ms. Moody stated that the new City Engineer is Adam Leach who would be replacing Mr. Stephens-Hotopp and that he would be at the January regular monthly meeting.

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MPC 08-21A Jurisdiction: City Council and County Commissioners

Being a public hearing for review of the Muncie-Delaware County Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Moody stated that last year arrangements began and funding was found to write a new Comprehensive Plan which was 20 years old at that time and needed an update and that at the Muncie Action Plan it was discussed that a new Strategic Investment Plan was also needed. She stated that they went through an elaborate request for proposals in which 16 responses were received. She stated that a review team narrowed those responses down to 3 and that in person interviews were conducted at City Hall with those 3 firms and that the final selection was a team that consisted of representatives from czb, LLC and Ingalls Designs. She stated that joining the meeting via Zoom was Pete Lombardi, project Manager with czb, along with Thomas Edington with czb and Matt Engalls with Engalls Designs and that they would explain a little more of the process which has included online surveys, meetings, and public input.

Pete Lombardi, Project Manager with cxb, LLc appeared and stated that he was joined via Zoom by Matt Engles and Thomas Eddington. He stated that there had been several open houses, surveys and meetings with the steering committee over the past year to collect input that would produce a usable plan. He stated that the main qualities of the plan were to define what the plan means to the entire county moving forward and the decision-making process to be used. He stated that the 3 big issues that are broadly defined within the plan were improvement of quality of place, strengthening housing conditions, and expanding opportunities for upward mobility. He stated that core values and direction for the community places the goal on getting the basics right so that the community can move in the right direction for community development. He stated that in the draft plan there were 2 Strategic Investment Plans, one for the City and one for the County and that over the past few months they had expanded those plans to serve as a starting point for implementing different plans and to make sure that the right goals were in place.

Mr. Wiseley stated that a small item he had noticed was that on page 65 it refers to a neighborhood as the South Park Neighborhood which was actually the South Central Neighborhood.

Ms. Moody stated that some members of the steering committee were present this evening and asked with a show of hands how many of those individuals believed that this was a great effort and good guidance for the community and would support the plan and asked if anyone would like to speak (8 hands were raised, no one spoke on the plan). She also stated the Mr. Hall, a Plan Commission member, was a member of the steering committee and could not be present this evening but that he sent a letter of approval and that she had received several other emails in support of the plan, including Suzzette Kitelman and Jane Ellery. She stated that they had received some specific supplements from people who thought this was a great plan but would like to see just a few adjustments. She stated that those adjustments were presented to the Board and that since they were in the public hearing portion of the process those could be accepted by the Board.

Mr. Wiseley stated that point E should be expanded beyond the City and to include the County as well.

Ms. Moody stated that was good. She stated that the supplements would be incorporated into the plan and be on the togetherdm.org website and be available for review. She stated that resolution would be submitted to City Council for the January 10, 2022 meeting and to the County Commissioner's for their January 3, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Motsenbocker made a motion to approve MPC 08-21, a Resolution of approval for TogetherDM, a new Muncie-Delaware County Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Investment Plan for Muncie and Delaware County. Mr. Wiseley seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Ms. Carey, Mr. Dishman, Ms. Hensley, Ms. Sipe, and Mr. Wiseley. Voting against: None. Motion carried, a favorable recommendation will be forwarded to the County Commissioners and City Council.

Ms. Moody stated that she hoped everyone would consider attending those meetings in 2022 and thanked everyone for attending tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jerry Dishman, Vice President

Marta Moody, Secretary