

CITY OF URBANA

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY - NOVEMBER 25, 1996
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 400 S. VINE STREET, URBANA, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Marya Ryan, Chair; James Hayes, Jr.; Carolyn Kearns; Esther Patt; Michael Pollock; John Taylor; Joseph Whelan, Jr.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor; Phyllis Clark, City Clerk; Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer; Jack Waaler, City Attorney; Eddie Adair, Chief of Police; William Pessemier, Fire Chief; William Gray, Public Works Director; Rodney Fletcher, Solid Waste Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Allen Booth; Jerry Landay; Bernadine Stake; Greg Springer; Sharon Monday-Dorsey; Paul DuMontelle; John C. Marlin; Francis Young; Morton Brussel; Phyllis Brussel; Sandra Batzli; Heather Young; Sheila Sahu; Brooke Anderson; Cathy Cunningham; Laura Huth; Dan Johnson; Peter Miller; William Harum; Gregory Tillman; Rachel Mulcrone; Douglas Chien; Steve Frankel; Sarah Clusen; Elizabeth Robertson; Nisa Tawjareon; Eunice Buck; Gerard Archibald; Darrel Foste; Steven Boynton; Robin Kearton Boynton; John Jordan; Joanne Vokoun; Walker Reisman; Helen Woodward; Ryan McGhee; R. Christopher Davis; Peg Frampton; Betty Lazarus; Susan Stone; Karen Kummer; Lachlan Blair; Art Zangerl; Peggy Henderson; Richard Cahill; Media

Call to Order

Chair Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. Additions to the Agenda and Staff Report

Chair Ryan stated that agenda item #10 (Boneyard Creek) would be brief, preliminary discussion only. She had spoken to Sharon Monday-Dorsey of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and they would like for the Council to consider the neighborhood concerns on this issue; however, given the lengthy topics on tonight's agenda, they are willing to discuss this in detail at a later meeting.

Mayor Satterthwaite recognized the Community Development Services staff for the work they have been doing in conjunction with the Champaign County Community Reinvestment Council. The Reinvestment Council is made up of a number of banks in the area, as well as the cities of Urbana and Champaign staff. Mayor Satterthwaite congratulated Diane Schober for an award she received at last week's Reinvestment Council meeting in the Not-

For-Profit Governmental Agency Category for best work done in the previous year, and the rest of Community Development staff for their work in affordable housing programs.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 28, 1996 -- Ms Patt made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28, 1996 and was seconded by Ms Kearns. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Public Input

Chair Ryan informed the audience that they would have the opportunity to speak now or at the time the topic was discussed on the agenda.

Audience Participation

Allen Booth, addressed the Committee on the topic of The New Yorker Apartments. Mr. Booth stated that the Attorney General's Office in Springfield, with confirmation from Chicago office, is also interested in the BOCA status of The New Yorker and how the City of Urbana derived it to be a three-story building.

Mr. Whelan made a motion to take all public comments at this time (the beginning), rather than at the time the topic would be discussed. Mr. Pollock seconded. Following debate, the motion failed by voice vote.

The following people addressed the Committee in support of the U-Cycle program:

Jerry Landay, 303 W. Vermont
Sheila Sahu, 202 E. Peabody Dr. (Champaign), representing Student Environmental Action Committee
Brooke Anderson, 4001 Golf Creek Dr. (Champaign), representing Student Environmental Action Coalition
Cathy Cunningham, 801 N. Coler
Laura Huth, 504½ E. Elm, representing Urbana Citizens for Waste Solutions (See Attachment A: Public Input/Laura Huth)
Dan Johnson, 1101 W. Oregon #6
Peter Miller, 804 S. Race
William Harum, 1511 Rutledge Dr.
Gregory Tillman, 1308 N. Broadway
Rachel Mulcrone, 1009 W. Stoughton Ave.
Douglas S. Chien, 404 W. Elm
Steve Frankel, 409 W. Elm #6

Sarah Clusen, 404 W. Elm
Elizabeth Robertson, 60 E. Chalmers (Champaign)
Nisa Tawjareon, 706 S. Walnut #5
Eunice Buck, 1105 E. Oregon
Gerard Archibald, 1105 E. Oregon
Darrel Foste, 409 W. Main
Steven C. Boynton, 203 S. Birch
Robin Kearton Boynton, 203 S. Birch
John Jordan, 2118 S. Vine
Joanne Vokoun, 502 W. Green #101
Walker Reisman (did not complete a Public Input Card)
Helen Woodward, 1510 Delmont Court #4
Ryan McGhee, 408 S. Dodson

Chair Ryan read into record a letter received from a constituent in Ms Patt's ward regarding the U-Cycle Program. (See Attachment B: Public Input/Maryam Zarnegar.)

Bernadine Stake, 304 W. Iowa, addressed the Committee in opposition to the Lincoln Trailer Park rezoning.

The following people addressed the Committee regarding Boneyard Creek and flooding concerns:

Greg Springer, representing Downtown Neighborhood Association
Sharon Monday-Dorsey, 301 W. Locust, representing Downtown Neighborhood Association
Paul DuMontelle, 2020 Burlison, Urbana Boneyard Creek Commission
John C. Marlin, 307 W. Nevada (See Attachment C: Public Input/John C. Marlin)

The following people addressed the Committee in support of preserving the Ater-Jacques House at its current location:

*Francis Young, 1006 S. Orchard
Sandra Batzli, 711 W. Indiana
Heather Young, 1006 S. Orchard

(*Also supports the U-Cycle Program)

Morton Brussel and Phyllis Brussel did not speak, but completed Public Input Cards expressing their support to keep the Jacques House at its current location.

Chair Ryan informed the Committee that she had received a phone call from Carolyne Baxley regarding the Jacques House.

Chair Ryan stated that The Baxley's were stranded at Chicago's O'Hare Airport and, therefore, could not be at the meeting. They are interested in purchasing the Jacques House and preserving it at its current location.

4. Review of Traffic Commission Minutes

There was no discussion.

5. An Ordinance Amending Schedule J Of Section 14-3 Of The Urbana Local Traffic Code Prohibiting Parking On Certain Streets (McCullough St.)

William Gray (Public Works Director) presented staff's report. The Traffic Commission had been requested by the Urbana Park District to consider no parking on the west side of McCullough to accommodate the dropping off and picking up of people who use the Phillip's Recreation Center. The proposed no parking would also accommodate the visibility triangle at the intersection of Stoughton and McCullough.

Mr. Pollock made a motion to send to Council for approval. Ms. Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1101 Goodwin)

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (813 East Park Street)

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Estate (1101 West Hill)

Ms Patt made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. U-Cycle Alternatives

Audience Participation

R. Christopher Davis, 812 W. Pennsylvania, addressed the Committee in support of the U-Cycle Program.

Mr. Gray presented staff's report. With regard to the RFP (Request For Proposal), Mr. Gray highlighted some issues:

- 1) We would be requesting the collection and processing of an expanded program on whatever materials could be collected within the approximately \$175,000 annual funds available;
- 2) A contract term of 3 to 5 years would be required;
- 3) The contractor would be free to select the processing facility;
- 4) The collection could be provided 5 days a week (currently it is 3 days a week);
- 5) The contractor would provide the recycling containers and retain any and all potential revenues from material sales;
- 6) The City would provide (at its expense) any of the education-promotional activities.

Mr. Gray suggested changing the due date for the RFP's from December 10th to December 18th, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Pollock made a motion to send Option #2 to Council for approval. This option would be to direct the staff to release the RFP on the fastest possible timetable. Ms Patt seconded. Mr. Pollock stated he believed this to be an opportunity to expand the program and not have a tax.

Mr. Whelan moved to send to Council for approval a resolution ("A Resolution Providing For The Licensing Of Garbage Collection, Disposal And Recycling In The City Of Urbana") he prepared three years ago as an alternate proposal. (See Attachment D: U-Cycle Alternatives/Alderman Whelan.) Mr. Taylor seconded.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan requested a roll call vote on his motion. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Hayes - Nay
Ms Kearns - Nay
Ms Patt - Nay
Mr. Pollock - Nay

Ms Ryan - Nay
Mr. Taylor - Nay
Mr. Whelan - Aye

The motion failed 1-aye:6-nay.

Mayor Satterthwaite indicated that the U-Cycle Program marks a historic movement for Urbana, because we were the first city to use this method. He stated that he would like to see this system expanded, and strongly urged Committee Members to support Mr. Pollock's motion. Mayor Satterthwaite clarified that what is needed now is to direct staff to proceed with proposals tomorrow. It does not have to go to Council at this time.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan requested a roll call vote. The vote on the motion to send Option #2 to Council for approval was as follows:

Mr. Hayes - Aye	Ms Ryan - Aye
Ms Kearns - Aye	Mr. Taylor - Aye
Ms Patt - Aye	Mr. Whelan - Nay
Mr. Pollock - Aye	

The motion carried 6-aye:1-nay.

10. **Boneyard Creek**

Mr. Gray presented the staff report. (See Attachment E: Boneyard Creek.)

Following debate, Chair Ryan noted the time (10:50 p.m.) and called for a motion to extend the meeting. Mr. Taylor moved to extend the meeting to midnight. Ms Patt seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. **Library Expansion To The West**

Audience Participation

The following persons addressed the Committee in support of the Library expansion to the West:

Peg Frampton, 803 W. Delaware
*Betty Lazarus, 502 W. Vermont
*Susan Stone, 1804 Pleasant
Peggy Henderson, 301 W. Michigan (did not speak, but completed a Public Input Card stating her support)

(*Also supports the U-Cycle Program)

Karen Kummer, representing PACA, addressed the Committee

concerning the preservation of the Jacques House. She requested that the City Council proceed slowly in considering the expansion plans and asked that the Jacques House remain where it is until construction is set to begin.

Lachlan Blair, 506 W. Illinois, addressed the Committee on the topic of the Library expansion. (See Attachment F: Public Input/Lachlan Blair.)

Art Zangerl, 702 W. Michigan, addressed the Committee on the topic of the Ater-Jacques House, expressing his support in preserving it at its current location. He stated that it would be more costly to save the house by moving versus saving it by letting it remain where it is.

Richard Cahill, 307 S. Orchard, did not speak, but completed a Public Input Card expressing his opposition to the Library expansion. He also noted on the card that the Council, not the Library Board, must preserve the Jacques House at its current location.

Mr. Pollock made a motion to send this item to Council for approval. Ms Kearns seconded.

Mr. Pollock read into record "A Motion Of Support For the Urbana Free Library." (See Attachment G: A Motion Of Support For the Urbana Free Library.)

Ms Patt stated that she had heard from several people and most of them want a way to do both; Library expansion and preserve the Jacques House where it is currently located. She indicated that some people believed the Jacques House would lose its historic significance if relocated.

Ms Patt moved to amend the motion of support to add another paragraph to read: "We further encourage the Library Board to work in close consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to develop a request for proposals and to evaluate proposals with a view toward finding a new location for the Jacques House that will not cause it to be taken off the National Register of Historic Places." Ms Ryan seconded.

Following debate, Mr. Whelan made a motion to amend the second paragraph of the motion of support to add: "We do not support, in any case, demolition of the Jacques House." Ms Ryan seconded.

Following further debate, Mr. Whelan's motion to amend the

second paragraph of the motion of support failed by voice vote.

The motion to amend the motion of support to add a new paragraph as presented by Ms Patt passed by voice vote.

Ms Ryan made a motion to add the following amendment to the to the end of the original motion: "Final arrangements for moving the house shall be made only after seventy percent of the funds required to proceed with expansion are raised." Ms Patt seconded. The motion failed by voice vote.

At this time the Committee considered the original motion on the floor. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mayor Satterthwaite presented a "Council Motion" to request that the Library Board report back to the Council with final expansion plans for the Library, estimated cost for the expansion, and a funding proposal for the expansion as soon as such information is available. Ms Patt moved to accept the Council Motion. Ms. Kearns seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Ryan adjourned the meeting at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Roberts
Recording Secretary

*This meeting was broadcast on cable television.