

CITY OF URBANA
Department of Community Development Services

Boneyard Creek Conference
Executive Conference Room
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801
June 11, 2007 -- 1:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Members Present:

Clark Bullard – Boneyard Creek Commissioner
Elizabeth Tyler – Director of Community Development
Steve Cochran - Building Inspector. – for Gordon Skinner
Brad Bennett - City of Urbana Engineering Dept
Joe Smith - City of Urbana Engineering Dept.

Members Absent:

Bill Gray, City Engineer
Gordon Skinner, Building Safety Division Manager

Others Present:

David Crow – owner’s contractor/representative
Jim Sims - owner’s engineer

A preliminary conference was held in order to determine whether or not a Creekway Permit should be issued by the Zoning Administrator, (in accordance with Article VII, Section VII-8, Subsection 7 of the Urbana Zoning Ordinance) for the following project:

Make structural repairs to a parking bridge that spans across the Boneyard Creek at 202 S. Lincoln – adjacent to road bridge on Lincoln Avenue.

Mr. Cochran gave the following brief over-view of the project.

The City of Urbana and the heirs of Terry Bilbrey have been working on a solution to a problem with the structural deterioration of a bridge across the Boneyard Creek that is used as parking for two apartment buildings owned by the Bilbrey’s.. The Bilbrey’s have an agreement, previously with the Sanitary District and now with the City of Urbana, that allowed construction and maintenance of the bridge.

Engineers for the owner have received a document from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources indicating that the current bridge is above the 100 year floodplain and does not require a state permit.

The repair consists of pouring an eight inch reinforced concrete structural slab on top of the existing bridge and top that with one to two inches of asphalt and taper back to the elevation of the top of the adjacent parking area. The existing bridge structure would serve as a form for the new slab and would no longer be needed structurally. The existing bridge would be partially removed and repaired so it would no longer pose a threat of collapse into the stream bed but would mostly remain due to its integral attachment to the new structure

The commissioner and city staff began the process of evaluating the application for compliance with Boneyard Creek Master Plan and other requirements of the Boneyard Creek District.

The Commissioner asked if this was a repair or reconstruction. City engineering staff and building inspector asserted that it would be considered a repair. Mr. Bullard then asked if the commission had jurisdiction over repairs. More specifically, can the commission make requirements that would improve the possibility of access to the creek in the future. After some discussion, it was determined that this was a question best answered by the cities legal staff. After brief consultation with city attorney staff members, it was decided that further research would be necessary by legal staff to answer that question and other related questions.

After further discussion about what possible courses of action might be possible it was decided the hearing might need to be continued at a later date.

Mr. Cochran made a motion to continue the meeting. This was seconded by Libby Tyler and approved by members present.

Submitted By:

Steve Cochran, Building Inspector

Approved By:

Elizabeth Tyler, Zoning Administrator