

RESOLUTION NO. 8889-R8

A RESOLUTION REGARDING
THE DOWNTOWN-TO-CAMPUS STUDY

WHEREAS, the value and use of land and physical appearance of improvements within the City of Urbana have long been subjects of continuing interest to the citizens of Urbana; and

WHEREAS, that interest has been expressed by resolution, ordinance and policy of the City of Urbana including the passage and enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations and the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, changes in the value and use of land and physical appearance of improvements within the City of Urbana have indicated a need for a new planning study of a portion of the City known as the Downtown-to-Campus Study Area; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council on March 16, 1987 passed Resolution No. 8687-R23 A RESOLUTION REGARDING PLANNING PROJECT PRIORITIES, in which the City Council resolved:

1. That the Downtown to Campus Study is the City's highest priority planning project.

2. Further, that the Plan Commission is directed to proceed with preparing appropriate studies and recommendations to City Council for the Downtown to Campus Study.

3. Further, that as part of the Downtown to Campus Study, the Plan Commission consider and report on the geographic locations for the potential designation of any historic preservation district(s) or site(s) and that prior to commencement of the study, a problem statement, study objectives and general study methodology first be reviewed and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Plan Commission on May 7, 1987 recommended approval of Plan Case #1251-ST-87 which outlined the problem statement, study objectives, general study methodology, boundaries and timetable for the Downtown to Campus Study; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council reviewed Plan Case #1251-ST-87 on May 18, 1987 and again on June 1, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council acting as the Committee on Environment and Public Safety on June 22, 1987 reviewed Plan Case #1251-ST-87 and recommended a change in the boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council and Urbana Plan Commission met in joint session on September 12, 1988 and again on September 19, 1988 for the purpose of discussing and determining the objectives and boundaries of the Downtown to Campus Study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, as follows:

Section 1. That the Urbana Plan Commission is hereby directed to study the Downtown to Campus Area for the purpose of identifying existing and potential problems with land use, zoning, housing, historic preservation, traffic, parking, drainage and public infrastructure.

Section 2. Further, that the Urbana Plan Commission is directed to report its findings to the City Council and make recommendations for policies and actions to address the problems identified in the Study Area.

Section 3. Further, that the Urbana Plan Commission is directed to focus the Downtown to Campus Study on the following objectives:

1. Evaluate and resolve inconsistencies among existing land uses, zoning designations and Comprehensive Plan recommendations.
2. Evaluate the anticipated impact of the University of Illinois' North Campus Master Plan:
 - a. Identify and resolve potential land use and policy conflicts between the University's plan and the City's existing Comprehensive Plan and proposed Downtown to Campus Plan
 - b. Identify opportunities for cooperative efforts in capital improvements and economic development
 - c. Identify and address the economic, land use, housing, traffic and other impacts of the proposed campus expansion
3. Evaluate and plan for expected new development in the University Avenue corridor from Mercy Hospital to Downtown Urbana
4. Evaluate and plan for expansion of Downtown Urbana
5. Evaluate and plan for future land uses in the Green Street corridor from Lincoln Avenue to Downtown Urbana
6. Identify methods for protecting and preserving the character, scale and appearance of the low density residential sections of the Study Area
7. Evaluate the existing condition and capacity of streets, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and other infrastructure to identify the short and long term improvement costs needed to accommodate expected planned growth.

Section 4. Further, that the boundaries of the Downtown to Campus Study Area shall be as shown on the attached map provided further, however, that the area bounded by High Street, Washington Street, Busey Avenue and Birch/Cedar Streets shall be included as part of the Study only to the extent deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the Study, while recognizing that no zoning map changes or Comprehensive Plan changes in this area shall be recommended as a result of the Study.

PASSED by the City Council this 17th day of October 1988.


Ruth S. Brookens

Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 19th day of October, 1988.

Jeffrey F. Markland
Jeffrey F. Markland, Mayor