

**CITY OF GALESBURG
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2022**

Chairperson Homan called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Roll was taken, and the following members were present: Denis Homan, Linda Marble, De Cochran. No members were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion of Marble, seconded by Cochran, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2022 minutes as presented. Each presented their respective firm's qualifications, experience, strengths, and enthusiasm for working with the Galesburg community.

PLANNING FIRM PROPOSALS

The Commission heard presentations by Kyle Mucha and Paul Lippens of McKenna as well as Derek Sever and Mike Huber of Abonmarche.

Planning Commission members asked about each firm's experience with MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities program, downtown plans, community engagement, and zoning ordinance amendments.

DDA members Wrifton Graham, Lorence Wenke, and Lori West were present and participated in questioning presenters. Questions centered around downtown plans, business incubators, and strategies for overcoming the community's perceived planning fatigue.

Chair Homan asked McKenna representatives to update their proposal to include a downtown plan as part of the master plan.

NEXT MEETING

It was decided by consensus that the next meeting will be on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in order to select a firm to recommend that City Council hire.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Marble and seconded by Cochran that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah O. Joshi, City Manager

Denis Homan, Chairperson