

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA,  
ILLINOIS HELD MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hutchinson called the Public Hearing before the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 6:45 P.M.

Aldermen in attendance were: Aldermen Niemietz and Mathews.

Administrative Staff in attendance were: City Administrator Al Hudzik, Director of Community & Economic Development Paul Ellis, City Attorney Tim Palen, Plan Commissioner Wes Hoeffken and Deputy Clerk Donna Mehaffey.

Guests: Ingrid and Tom Soraghan of the Columbia Sister Cities Organization, Will and Robbie Devenport of 628 N. Metter, Walter Akers of 620 N. Metter and Pete and Julie Ingold of 1206 Blue Spruce Lane.

## II. PURPOSE

Mayor Hutchinson stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to hear public comment concerning the City of Columbia Community Preservation Plan.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there were any questions or comments from the Aldermen or the Public.

Ingrid Soraghan, President of the Columbia Sister Cities Organization (Gedern, Germany) indicated that they had information on the descendants of the original immigrants that moved to the Columbia area in 1842 and suggested it be included in the Historic Information of Columbia in the Community Preservation Plan. Director of Community and Economic Development Paul Ellis stated that this information will be considered as a follow on activity after adoption of the Community Preservation Plan.

Walter Akers of 620 N. Metter presented his concern that he only wants his home designated historic in the Community Preservation Plan and not as a landmark. Mr. Ellis indicated that his home is listed only as having historic significance in the latest edition of the Community Preservation Plan and that he is not committed to do anything; it does not affect selling the home or remodeling and it is not listed as a landmark. Mr. Akers concurred to have his home listed in the plan as a historic home.

Mayor Hutchinson asked if there were any further questions or comments from the Aldermen or the Public. Being none, the Mayor adjourned the public hearing at 6:53 P.M.

Connie L. Whetley Deputy Clerk  
CITY CLERK  
Kevin B. Hutchinson  
MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON  
Clerk