

ICON ANNUAL MEETING  
INN AT 835  
DECEMBER 13, 2017

The evening began with a social hour.

Following the social hour Jess introduced the guest speaker, Vasudah Pinnamaraju, Executive Director of the McLean County Regional Planning Commission. She presented an interesting program on comprehensive planning, unsustainable growth and sprawl. She explained the cost of sprawl to the City. She said that sprawl also affects other entities such as schools and water and sewer. She discussed two subdivisions in Bloomington and the cost of their development. She discussed the cost to the city and the amount of that cost that the city is actually able to recoup. She talked about creating a land use priority map. It was a most interesting presentation and was followed by many questions which she answered thoroughly.

Following the presentation we had a wonderful buffet meal served by the Inn at 835.

A review of past years activities and accomplishments was presented. Then information on plans for the upcoming year.

Good Neighbor Awards were presented:

Good Neighbor Award - Business was presented to Linda Renehan, Springfield Vintage. Linda is the ultimate Good Neighborhood business in downtown Springfield. With singularly great ideas she always welcomes others into them, generously spreading the attention and the care around the blocks.

Good Neighborhood Award - Public Service was presented to the City of Springfield Public Works Housing Inspectors, Darryl Harris, Division Manger, Michael Carr, Suzanne Duncan, Michael Gant, Barb Jones, Matt Morrell, Tiffani Selinger and Paula Zink. Inspectors are our front line of defense in our quest to maintain healthy neighborhoods.

Good Neighbor Award - Community Organization was presented to Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. Habitat has been committed to providing affordable housing in Sangamon County since 1989. Since their beginning Habitat has built or renovated 107 homes in Sangamon County. Habitat serves low income hard working families. All of the homes Habitat has built or renovated are in older neighborhoods.

Good Neighbor Award - Individual was presented to Joe McMenamin, Ward 7 Alderman, City of Springfield. Joe is a Charter member of ICON, helped to write ICON by-laws, and has been a vocal proponent of fact-based action to assist ICON in better serving Springfield neighborhoods.

Carol thanked Sharon and Darrel Riffey for their commitment to ICON by attending every City Council meeting and reporting back to ICON. They are totally committed to ICON and Springfield neighborhoods, especially older neighborhoods. An anonymous ad in the program thanked Darrell and Sharon for their massive dedication and generosity to Springfield Neighborhoods!

Awards were followed by the 2018 ICON Steering Committee Election.

Nominees were:

Co-Chair	Carol Kneedler	2018 (last half of a 2 year term)
Co-Chair	Polly Poskins	2018 (last half of a 2 year term)
Vice Chair	Bill Basket	2018 (last half of a 2 year term)
Treasurer	Darrell Riffey	2018 - 2019 (full 2 year term)
Secretary	Jess Weitzel	2018 - 2019 (full 2 year term)
At Large (even year)	Jamie Adair	2018 - 2019 (full 2 year term)
At Large (odd year)	Suzie Weissberg	2018 (last half of 2 year term)

Motion was made by Marty Vandiver and seconded by Sam Cahnman to accept the slate as presented. Vote was unanimous.

Carol recognized sponsors and thanked them for their support.

Carol reminded us that the next ICON meeting is January 29th. We will vote on a change to the by laws: Committee chairs are members of the Steering Committee; the size of the Steering Committee is increased by the number of active committee chairs.

Suzie Weissberg