# MINUTES

## KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
### LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

January 8, 2013

## IN ATTENDANCE
Members:
Rich Howell, Presiding; Loretto Cowhig; Ralph Paarlberg; David Stejkowski; Mel Blanchette; and Craig Bayston.

Others:
Mr. Kevin Burke, III, IDOT Local Policy & Technology Engineer; Jim Hanley, Brian O'Keefe, Village of Manteno; Gary Preston, Mike Chamness, Village of Bourbonnais; Mark Kraetzer, Chris Schriefer, Mike Spilsbury, Kankakee Valley Construction Company; Mark Rogers, Andrew DeLong, Stephen Blanchette, Kankakee County Highway Department; Rick Soderquist, Rob Kenney, Kankakee Community College; Bruce Adams, Mayor, Village of Bradley; Jim Travis, Scott Williams, Village of Bradley; Shaun Dondelinger, Joe Kannel, Gregg Lee, IDOT; Dorci Schoolman, Options Center for Independent Living; Duane Dykstra, Mayor, Village of Aroma Park; Mike Ingalls, Aroma Park; Neil Piggush, Steve McBurney, Tyson Engineering, Inc.; Dave Tyson, Tyson Engineering, Representing the City of Kankakee and the Village of Bourbonnais; Mike Gingerich, MG2A, representing the Village of Bradley; Joel Greer, MG2A; Laura McElroy, The Herald; Courtney Koning, River Valley METRO Mass Transit District; Stephen Einfeldt, Einfeldt Construction, Inc.; Cheryl Lockwood, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging; Brad Smith, R & R, Inc.; Michael Bossert, Kankakee County Board Chairman; Brian Gadbois, Kankakee County Maintenance; Mike VanMill, Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department.

## CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Howell called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## ADA-PROWAG PRESENTATION
(Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines)
Mr. Howell asked Mr. Lammey to introduce the speaker- Mr. Kevin Burke, III, IDOT Local Policy & Technology Engineer. Mr. Burke addressed the need for the proposed regulations for uniformity in construction and reconstruction of public right-of-way access to be safely usable by people with a variety of disabilities. This includes providing accessible temporary Pedestrian Access Routes (PAR) around construction work areas. Mr. Burke demonstrated in video's his points with him in a manual wheelchair attempting to navigate inaccessible areas:

- PAR Obstruction
- Cross Slope
- Driveway Cross Slope
- Perpendicular Grade Break

Mr. Burke presented suggestions for construction and repair scenarios. He went on to explain the consequences of non-compliant work: inspections by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No quorum, held over to next meeting.

## ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey stated that the B3 alternative and a no-build alternative had been submitted, and that the process was waiting for a Record of Decision on these alternatives before moving ahead. He stated that some behind the scenes activity was occurring, and that the Subcommittee members should be aware of that activity. He stated that both of the other MPOs involved in the study, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, had some concerns about the B3 alternative being so far in the southern portion of their planning areas, when both had policy to attempt to have future development further to the north. He also stated that each MPO has a concern about the fiscal constraint of the Illiana, as the funding will be private.

Mr. Van Mill stated his concern over these issues, and stated that County Planning staff would continue to monitor these developments.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mr. Lammey announced the Safety Workshop to be held January 31, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Weber Leadership Center. IDOT State Safety Engineer Priscilla Tobias will be presenting crash data for a five year period and discussing strategies and countermeasures that may be useful in reducing the number of traffic crashes and fatalities in our county. The intention is to form a County Safety Committee to include people from Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Engineering, and Education to address these issues. Ms. Cowhig inquired about the grant work we were already working on. Mr. Lammey explained that the preliminary application will be filed with IDOT by the end of this month, with final application due in March.

## LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey reported the need for a consultant to work on the next 5-year Long Range Transportation Plan. Screening has been proceeding and it is expected the consultant that is hired will begin making presentations to this committee beginning in October 2013, through January 2015.

## OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Skimerhorn reported there are two energy projects being discussed at present. First, there is a possibility of wind turbine generators being built in Yellowhead and Sumner Townships. These may all fall with-in the mile and a half radius of the Village of Grant Park. The second is a pipeline project which may require Zoning change and Special Use permits. The application for this project is expected in the next few weeks.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:30 AM.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bayston moved for adjournment, and Mr. Stejkowski seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Howell adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.