

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission  
Summary of Minutes of Meeting  
January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. Mel Blanchette	Mr. Dennis Peters
Mr. George Washington, Jr.	Mr. Craig Bayston
Mr. David Bergdahl	Ms. Loretto Cowhig
Mr. Chad Miller	Mr. Rich Howell
Mr. Frank Koehler	

Regional Planning Commission Members Absent:

Mr. Barry Jaffe	Ms. Lisa Dugan
Mr. Mike Spilsbury	Mr. Dennis Millirons
Mr. Steve Kelley	Mr. Ralph Paarlberg
Mr. Jim Tripp	

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

Michael J. Van Mill	Michelle Sadler
Michael Lammey	Donna Shehane

Others Present:

None

Quorum Present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Washington at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Koehler to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2005 meeting, Mr. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the vacancies and the need for members to attend the meetings. There are officially three (3) opening with Mr. Kelley sending in a letter of resignation, Mr. Millirons leaving the area, and a vacancy that hasn't been filed to date. Some areas of concern to like at getting membership from are Grant Park, Herscher, and/or Essex. It was decided that Mr. Washington would discuss with Mr. Kruse about the action that should be taken regarding concerning membership attendance. There is some interested people that the Planning Department has been talking to.

Next is updates of Subcommittee:

**Land Use:**

Mr. Howell gave an update on the Land Use Subcommittee:

The Subdivision Ordinance is the on back burner at this time.

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The Comprehensive Plan has been approved back in November 2005. The Planning Department will be discussing with the State's Attorney's Office regarding the producers and actions to be taken. There also will be upcoming educational workshops regarding the Comprehensive Plan for the Regional Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeal, County Board, etc.

The Stormwater and Erosion Control Ordinance have been reviewed by the State's Attorney's Office. The Technical Advisory Committee will be meeting on February 9, 2006 to approve the Ordinance and forward on to Regional Planning Committee and then to PZA and County Board. It's our hope that the Commission will give the Land Use Subcommittee the authority to approve the Stormwater Ordinance on behalf of the Full RPC Board.

Mr. Koehler made a motion to authorize the Land Use Subcommittee to act on behalf of the Regional Planning Commission to make a recommendation on the Stormwater Ordinance, Mr. Howell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Community Development:**

Mr. Peters gave an update on the Community Development Subcommittee.

Working with Planning Department on educational brochures for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

The Planning Department is working on visiting at this time 5 townships to introduce ourselves and find out what there needs are.

**Solid Waste:**

Mr. Bayston gave an update on the Solid Waste Subcommittee.

We are working on the Solid Waste Management Plan update. There will be a public informational/public comment session on February 16, 2006 at Quality Inn from 2 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. There will be power point presentation and displays. The written public comment period ends on March 2, 2006. At the Solid Waste Subcommittee meeting in March, we will make a recommendation and forward it on to the full RPC Meeting. Donna Shehane gave an overview of the Plan. There was some discussion of the Plan. It was suggestion that a summary of Patrick Engineering's be added regarding there background, experiences, etc.

**Transportation:**

Mr. Koehler gave an update of the Transportation Subcommittee.

In December, Will County put forth a new administration plan relative to the airport, 6 from Will County, 2 from South Cook County, 1 from Kankakee County, and 2 from the State for an 11 member group. There was some discussion on the airport. The next critical step will be the passage of an Airport Authority.

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Commuter Rail the request for bids went out and proposals were received yesterday. Interview will be held February with a recommended for a consultant. Funding was submitted to IDOT in December. Five (5) proposals have been received.

Corridor Preservation will need to be re-looked at with new MFT IDOT standards coming in with right of way width.

6000 Corridor is being looked at transition between 6000 and 7000 Road East of I57. Moving forward with Tri-Village Park, with a great opportunity for communications between the Villages.

McKnight Road is officially been vacated.

Some discussion on detention ponds in developments.

No new or old business.

Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Koehler seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by  
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