

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
January 27, 2009

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

Craig Bayston	Mayor Samuel Payton
Chad Miller	Jim Tripp
Rich Howell	Jeff Jarvis
Ralph Paarlberg	Bill Bukowski
David Bergdahl	Mel Blanchette
George Washington, Jr.	Bud Bates
Elisabeth Dunbar	

Regional Planning Commission Members Absent:

Rich Simms	Rep. Lisa Dugan
Craig Blanchette	Loretto Cowhig

Quorum Present.

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

Mike Van Mill	Jim Greenstreet
Mike Lammey	Delbert Skimerhorn

Others Present:

Roger Diercks	Adrienne Martin
Gina O'Neill	Mike Bossert
Chris Tholen	

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mr. Washington.

No public comment.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell to approve the September 23, 2008 minutes with the change to the wording of Others Present to Others Present Included. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

**Presentations:**

GIS:

Roger Diercks, GIS Manager for Kankakee County gave a presentation of the 8 basic layers of the GIS data available. Also show how it will work for economic development and land use decision. GIS is available to participating agencies, which is the County, the Villages of Bradley, Bourbonnais, and Manteno and to others on a subscription basis.

Airport Study:

Mr. Van Mill gave an update of the Airport Study. The project started in July 2008 and was funded by State planning grant fund through the MPO. The purpose of the plan was to look at

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land use, transportation, economic development around the airport area and the 308 interchange. The total for the project is \$50,000. The grant amount was \$10,000 and the rest of the cost was shared with the City of Kankakee, Kankakee County, and the Airport Authority. The study was completed in December 2008. The study area was centralized around the airport and approximately one mile out in each direction (Otto Road on the south, River Road on the north, the river on the east and I-57/railroad on the west). A study committee was created and a group of consultants was hired; CMT for the airport planning, Camiros for the land use and Blaine-Canada for economic development. Copies are available in the Planning Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Howell to forward the Airport Study to the Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee with the recommendation of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Bayston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Economic Development:

Mr. Van Mill and Adrienne Martin gave a power point presentation on the overview of the economic development base and community profile for Kankakee County.

#### Greenways and Trail Update:

Mr. Skimerhorn gave a power point presentation on the greenways and trail plan that is in the process of being updated. (Presentation is attached) We received a grant from IDNR for \$10,000, \$2,500 from the MPO Grant monies from the State, and \$2,500 from the County that would in the form of in-kind services. The update is needed due to the fact that since the 1999 plan there has been several trails, parks, growth, etc.

#### Subcommittee Updates:

Land Use/Transportation: Mr. Howell, Subcommittee Chairman gave a brief update of the activity.

- Everyone was to take a zoning map. One of the elements of the subcommittee will be attempting to do some zoning reduction; the County has too much of some zoning and not enough of others. This makes it hard for the County to make wise land use decision. This was sent to the State's Attorney's Office for opinion and the County does have the authority to do the reduction. Please look at the zoning map and contact the Mr. Skimerhorn with your areas of concern. Ongoing project.
- Subcommittee continues to support the Planning Department in getting adoption from municipalities on Land Management Resource Plan (LMRP) to incorporate into our Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue in the support of a traffic crash reporting layer on GIS to better analysis where the traffic issues need to be addressed.
- Continuing following the wind farm issues. There is a public hearing on February 18, 2009 at the Herscher Legion.
- Also still working on updating the LESA program.

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- Next meeting of Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is March 12, 2009 at METRO.

Mr. Washington took the time to introduce Mike Bossert, new County Board Chairman.

Community Development: Mr. Jarvis, Subcommittee Chairman, gave an update.

- Community Development has not meet for some time now, they do have a scheduled meeting for January 30, 2009
- Historic Preservation a component of Community Development has been very successful. Mr. Jarvis turn the update over to Ms. Dunbar, Chairperson of Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Ordinance was approved by County Board in December. With the Ordinance approval we are applying for Certified Local Government status which would qualify the Commission for State Historic Preservation grants. The main purpose of the grant will be to update the 1977 Historic Preservation Survey. We will be moving forward with pamphlets and designation properties. The next Commission meeting is February 1, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

**Work Program:**

A motion to approve the 2009 Work Program was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

**New/Old Business.**

No new or old business.

**Next Meetings:**

Community Development Subcommittee – January 30, 2009

Executive Committee – March 13, 2009

Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee – March 12, 2009

Regional Planning Commission – March 24, 2009.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Approved 5/26/09

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