

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MARCH 18, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Frank Koehler, Dave Bergdahl, Rich Howell, Ralph Paarlberg, and Dennis Peters

Others:

Mike Lammey, Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koehler called the meeting to order at 10:11 A.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Howell moved approval of the January 8, 2004 Minutes, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Unanimous vote.

CORRIDOR STUDY – 6000 N ROAD/WARNER BRIDGE ROAD

Mr. Lammey stated that a presentation has been made on the subject to the Manteno Township Planning Commission, and that the last Planning Commission meeting scheduled is for the Rockville Township Planning Commission on March 22. One letter of support for the concept has been received, from the Village of Bourbonnais.

Mr. Lammey stated that all changes suggested by the Subcommittee have been made, most significantly the removal of the table including employment numbers (Table 2), which was wrong. The table has been pulled from the report. Other changes were discussed, mostly format changes. The section on Utility Extensions was wrong, and Phil Tegeler was directed to contact Frank and Dennis to make sure that the information in the report was correct.

Mr. Howell mentioned that Figures A-2 and B-2 referred to an individual roadway segment in Tier 1, but not for any of the Tier 2 roadways. Mr. Lammey stated that the reference to an individual roadway segment will be pulled. Mr. Paarlberg stated that there are some minor inconsistencies in Figure 5, and that the map does not go to the southern end of the county. Mr. Howell stated that there are too many categories of roadway surface to make any sense of the data. Mr. Lammey stated that there are a number of problems with Figure 5, but that none of them affect the conclusions in the report.

Mr. Lammey stated that the report would next go to the Regional Planning Commission on March 23, and would then be distributed to the Planning, Zoning, and Agriculture Committee on April 7. The PZA would discuss the report at their meeting on April 19, at which point Phil Tegeler would be brought in for a presentation, and Mr. Lammey stated that Transportation Subcommittee members would be welcome for that discussion. If everything remains on schedule, the subject will go to County Board on May 11, 2004.

Mr. Bergdahl moved approval of the document as revised, and to move the document on to the Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Peters seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Koehler stated that there had been no response to his request to meeting with Will County about the roadway alignments on the border. He stated that a potential opportunity for meeting would be on the same date as the May 18 Commuter Rail Feasibility Task Force meeting in Will County. Mr. Lammey stated that he would explore that opportunity.

CORRIDOR PRESERVATION STUDY

The last presentation to Planning Commissions on this study will be to Rockville Township on March 22, 2004.

EXTENSION OF CORRIDOR STUDY CONTRACT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESERVATION

Mr. Lammey stated that there has not been action by the States Attorneys office on this request.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Chairman Koehler, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Lammey reported on the Airport meeting held Friday, March 12, at the National Guard Armory. Mr. Lammey stated that the meeting was very informative, but that Will County not being able to announce their legislation was difficult. Chairman Koehler stated that the good news was that the Commuter Rail extension to Kankakee might take place at about the same time as the South Suburban Airport inaugural site.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that the consultant has held a full day of Key Contact Interviews, and will hold another day of interviews on March 23. The consultant will report on these interviews and on general progress at the Land Use Subcommittee meeting on March 23 at 6:00 P.M., and at the full Regional Planning Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M.

COMMUTER RAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

Chairman Koehler reported that the Task Force has had presentations on both the engineering and planning aspects of the study, and that their next meeting will be on May 18, to be held at the Will County Highway Department.

WASHINGTON AVENUE CORRIDOR STUDY

Mr. Lammey reported that very little negative comment was produced from the Public Meeting

on this subject held on January 22, 2004. He reported that the final Public Meeting on the subject will be held in mid to late April, and that Subcommittee members will be informed on the meeting in advance.

LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS BICYCLISTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Lammey reported that in response to Chairman Koehler's letter, this subject has been scheduled for a presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee at their April 28 work session.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Koehler stated that the next meeting date will be May 20, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howell moved adjournment, Mr. Peters seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Chairman Koehler adjourned the meeting at 11:40 A.M.