

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
APRIL 17, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Jeff Jarvis, Ralph Paarlberg, George Washington, Rich Howell, Chad Miller, Loretto Cowhig, Dave Bergdahl, Bud Bates and Mayor Samuel Payton

Others:

Mike Lammey, Del Skimerhorn, Mike Martin and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Colin Duesing, Will County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Bergdahl moved approval of the February 19, 2008 Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

WIND ENERGY

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that this issue was being researched, and that the Zoning Board of Appeals would be the Committee through which the subject would eventually reach the County Board. Chairman Howell asked that the subject be placed on future Agenda for the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee for updates.

CN PURCHASE OF THE EJ & E

Mr. Duesing of the Will County Land Use Department made a presentation on the impacts of a potential purchase of the EJ&E Railroad by the Canadian National Railroad. He showed the proposed purchase, and discussed the impacts the purchase and increased rail traffic would have on surface roadway traffic in Will County. After a number of questions by Subcommittee members, and a great deal of general discussion, Mr. Washington moved the following Resolution be forwarded to the Planning, Zoning and Agriculture Committee of the Kankakee County Board:

“That the Kankakee County Board oppose the Canadian National Railroad’s current proposal to purchase the EJ&E Railroad, because of impacts to the surface traffic, and that the Kankakee County Board recommend additional funding and study for public infrastructure to mitigate traffic safety and passenger rail issues.”

Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Chairman Howell thanked Mr. Duesing for his presentation, and suggested that he be requested to give the presentation to the PZA Committee.

BROCHURE REVIEW

Mr. Lammey stated that the transportation brochure was close to completion, and asked Subcommittee members to review once more for content, and to bring questions and suggestions to the attention of Planning Department staff.

CRITICAL COMMERCE CORRIDOR

Mr. Lammey stated that staff work was progressing on the preservation of right-of-way for the Critical Commerce Corridor, and that the issue would be brought to the Highway Committee of the Kankakee County Board for direction in the near future.

AIRPORT STUDY TASK FORCE

Mr. Lammey stated that the Airport Study Task Force has met twice, and will meet again on April 21 to interview consultants for the project. He stated the Ms. Cowhig and Mr. Jarvis were members of the Task Force.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE/CONSERVATION DESIGN

Mr. Skimerhorn passed out the combined ordinance that has been returned by the States Attorneys’ Office, and asked the Subcommittee for their comments in the coming month.

JOINT LRMP

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that there has been no action on this item.

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTING

Mr. Lammey stated that crash location efforts are underway for the year 2004, and that the plan is to have the location efforts be GIS available from 2004 through current time.

LESA AD HOC COMMITTEE

Chairman Howell stated that a meeting has been held, and that another is being scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that planning assistance funding is being sought from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to update the Greenways and Trails Plan, and that the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee will be the oversight committee for that study.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next scheduled meeting is June 5, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. at the

METRO Centre. Mr. Lammey stated that a Public Hearing on the TIP will be held in conjunction with that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Washington moved adjournment, and Mr. Miller seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:57 A.M.