

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission  
Summary of Minutes of Meeting  
May 25, 2004  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Administration Building  
7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Craig Bayston  
Mike Spilsbury  
John Meyer, Jr.  
Mel Blanchette  
Ralph Paarlberg  
Loretto Cowhig  
Frank Koehler  
Jim Tripp  
Rich Howell  
Dave Bergdahl

Members Absent:

Barry Jaffe  
Mike Finnegan  
Dennis Millirons  
George Washington, Jr.  
Lisa Dugan  
Dennis Peters  
Curt Saindon

Others:

Mike Van Mill  
Mike Lammey  
Michelle Sadler  
Donna Shehane

Quorum Present.

Mr. Bergdahl called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Paarlberg made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2 and March 9, 2004.  
Seconded by Ms. Cowhig. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Updates:

Community Development: Summarized by Mr. Spilsbury.

The initiate and develop a Kankakee County Economic Development Strategy Plan. The Planning Staff is working on a draft.

Develop a Community Needs Assessment Plan.

At the workshop on April 8, there were a number of suggestion for other informational workshops. There will also be a workshop on May 27 regarding open meetings act and how to conduct a public meeting. Sometime in the fall we are looking at have a cracker barrell workshop, which means at each table will have a different dicussion on different topic.

Another item the committee is overseeing is the Kankakee County newsletter and web-site. Please visit the web-site if you haven't, it very informational ([www.k3county.net](http://www.k3county.net)).

Hazardous Mitigation Plan is a new issue to the Commnity Development Subcommittee will be working on, however it needs to be added to the 2004 Work Program.

Mr. Spilsbury made a motion to add Hazardous Mitigation Plan to the Community Development Subcommittee's 2004 Annual Work Program. Mr. Bayston seconded the motion. The motion carried. Federal law now requires you to have a plan in place to be able to get the Federal disaster aid. In May 2004 the County Board authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement with the State.

Also looking to securing a grant through the Illinois Tomorrow Grant Program to fund some studies for the area between Manteno south to Bradley/Bourbonnais encompassing Career Center Road west to Cardinal Drive. Some items we will be looking at are development codes, existing roadway jurisdiction, commuter rail, economic development incentives. Another area of discussion is the Pembroke area.

Solid Waste: Summarized by Mr. Bayston.

The Planning Department gathered information from the local Communities on their recycling practices, who recycles, what they recycle.

In April we toured the A&J Facility (recycling center and transfer station). It was very interesting to see how that process works. Most people don't relise the effort in separate the different type of materials.

Waste and Recycling Pages was finalized and handed out to the schools for kids to take home to their parents.

We are in the process of updating The Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). This is due 2005.

Also, in the process of updating he Tipping Fee Grant Program, it's in draft form. The Subcommittee is reviewing it.

Donna informed the Committee we will be having the compost bin sale on June 26 at Lowe's parking lot. All teachers that are teaching recycling will get a free bin to use for their circulum.

Donna distributed information on IEPA's Greens School Workshop and Kankakee High School and Kankakee Junior High attended and as a result they received free pick up of the schools chemical waste from the IEPA.

Donna will be applying for a grant for County-wide recycling bins. Talked to Mr. Miller, Maintenance Manager, he is very supportive of this and will be working with Donna on this effort.

Mr. Bayston informed the Committee that the Sungaurd Plant in Morris, was not allowed to be placed, they don't have IEPA permit, but there is still talk of having a tour of the plant.

Mr. Howell stated that he also attended the tour of A&J, need to have another tour for more people to attend. There is a need for more recycling of household materials.

Mr. Bergdahl asked for an update of the two landfills.

Mr. Van Mill informed that Waste Management Application Siting #1 is at the appellate court and have asked for the court to speed up the decision making process. Siting #2 they are appealing the decision and deposition will take place in June. Town and Country, not sure where the process is, but the County Board has asked for legal representation to and there

Transportation:

Submitted by Michelle Sadler, Planning Department