

**Community Development Subcommittee
Summary of Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2009**

Call to Order: Jeff Jarvis, Chairman – Called the meeting to order at 10:44 AM

Roll Call: *In Attendance*

Committee Members – Jeff Jarvis, Craig Bayston and Dave Bergdahl

Staff – Jim Greenstreet

Others – Adrienne Martin

Absent: Not in Attendance

Members – Bill Bukowski, Elisabeth Dunbar and George Washington

Declare Quorum: Quorum not present when meeting opened, third member arrived shortly after meeting started.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: No quorum to approve.

Old Business

A. Historic Preservation Program Update:

No information presented.

B. Quality of Life Indicators:

Ms. Martin was called upon to present work she is doing through the Economic Alliance committee on Economic Evaluation and Review. She presented a handout of a working document titled “KANKAKEE COUNTY QUALITY OF LIFE REPORT,” explaining it is in an Excel spreadsheet format. She will be researching economy, education, housing, environment, government, transportation, social environment, culture and recreation, health and public safety standards within the county, to include in this report.

C. Local Sustainability Developmental Updates:

Ms. Martin was asked to present information from her work with the Economic Alliance. She reported the Economic Alliance has been working to encourage green jobs and green building. She has met with eleven companies in the County to promote cleaner, more efficient and sustainable business operations. Nine companies stated they are in the planning stages of such improvements.

D. Discussion on Scope of Kankakee River Study:

Mr. Jarvis distributed handouts of maps and a preliminary outline for a proposed Kankakee/Iroquois River Environmental / Economic / Entertainment Study. Attendees suggested additional stakeholders to consider including the Forest Preserve District, Park

Districts, Kankakee Community College, Shapiro Developmental Center, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Village of Aroma Park, the Village of Sammons Point, the City of Watseka in Iroquois County, Northern Illinois Anglers and Exline Sportsman Club. There was a suggestion for the possibility of establishing a new harbor and restaurant and shops site at the quarry pond at Aqua Illinois by channeling the short distance to the Kankakee River.

New Business:

- A. General discussion centered around the RPC meeting last Tuesday evening. There was a panel of six new mayors discussing their needs for economic development, infrastructure needs and asking about ways the County can help. Ideas included economic development seminars for small towns on TIF Districts, development and business incentives.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 10:30 AM in the 4th Floor Board Room.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Jarvis with consensus of the Subcommittee at 11:55 AM.