

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
June 4, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Jeff Jarvis, Ralph Paarlberg, Rich Howell, Chad Miller, Craig Bayston, Loretto Cowhig, Bill Bukowski and Dave Bergdahl

Others:

Mike Bossert, Kankakee County Board Chairman; Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Jim Greenstreet and Melissa Rosenow, Kankakee County; and Beth M. Phelps, Certified Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA CHANGE

Mr. Lammey suggested changing the agenda to have one segment of Old Business, Introduction of Intern for Crash Reporting Project, at the beginning of the meeting, and to have the two hearings follow, to allow for some possible late arrivals. Ms. Cowhig made a motion to do so, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion Passed.

MINUTES

Mr. Miller moved approval of the April 30, 2009 Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Bergdahl seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Lammey introduced Ms. Rosenow, a summer intern of the Planning Department. She is a Bourbonnais resident and a Junior pre-med student at Valparaiso University. She is working primarily on the Crash Report project.

Mr. Lammey presented the current status of the Crash Report Program in preparing and correcting the 2004 crash data. Discussion was held concerning the relevancy and value of the 2004 data and ways to expedite the process for the following years of data. Once completed, the

2004 data, mapping and specific location focus will be demonstrated to the police agencies and municipalities. Their cooperation could then be solicited for some of the time-consuming work, such as scanning in the reports.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY 2010 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Howell opened the Public Hearing for the FY 2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Lammey discussed the Draft FY 2010 TIP and made some corrections for the group. He went through the purpose and use of the document. Chairman Howell asked for public comment. There was none. Chairman Howell closed the Public Hearing on the FY 2010 TIP.

2039 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Chairman Howell opened the Public Hearing for the 2039 Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Lammey explained this hearing to elicit any public comment for changes to be made in the plan, based on the existing plan. There will be another public hearing later, when a draft of the new plan is completed. Chairman Howell asked for any public comment. There was none. Chairman Howell closed the Public Hearing on the 2039 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

OLD BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Chairman Howell reported there was nothing new to report since the last meeting on LESA.

Greenways and Trails Plan: Mr. Skimerhorn distributed copies of the draft of the Kankakee County 2009 Greenways and Trails Plan. He reported there was a public meeting on the plan on May 20th. There are 60 proposed trails in the new plan. Since the Subcommittee had last seen the draft Plan, a trail was added for the new Nature Conservancy properties in Pembroke Township, and trails in Ganer Township, including North River Road to Momence. The Sand Bar Water Trail was extended all the way to Momence.

The trails as mapped will connect to three River Valley METRO bus transfer stations. All of their busses have bike racks. A new location for a 4th transfer station has not yet been selected. There was discussion of what comprised a natural greenway. It was suggested to add a definition of a greenway to the document. Mr. Jarvis made a motion to forward the draft 2009 Greenways and Trails Plan to the PZA Committee. Seconded by Mr. Bukowski. Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Paarlberg inquired about the silt fencing around construction sites, how long does it need to be there? Chairman Howell explained it should not be removed until the surface area is at least 70% stabilized.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next scheduled meeting is June 25, 2009 at 9:30 AM. This meeting was planned to approve and forward the 2009 Greenways and Trails Plan, which has already been done. The June 25, 2009 meeting therefore by consensus is cancelled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 20, 2009 @ 9:30 AM @ the Kankakee County Administration Building, 2nd floor conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bayston moved adjournment, and Mr. Paarlberg seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.