

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Jeff Jarvis, Ralph Paarlberg, George Washington, Rich Howell, Chad Miller, Dave Bergdahl, Bud Bates, Mayor Samuel Payton, Mel Blanchette, Bill Bukowski and Craig Bayston

Others:

Mike Lammey, Del Skimerhorn, Jim Greenstreet and Ryan DeYoung, Kankakee County; Jerry Morgan, Journal; Mayor Gael Kent and Mike Gingerich, Bradley; Dave Tyson, Kankakee; and Sharon Milone

CALL TO ORDER OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2009
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Chairman Howell called the public hearing to order at 9:32 A.M. Chairman Howell asked if there were any comments on the draft **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**. There were no comments.

CLOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Howell closed the public hearing at 9:33 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the regular meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee to order at 9:34 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Washington moved approval of the April 17, 2008 Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee minutes. Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

SUBDIVISION AND CONSERVATION DESIGN ORDINANCE

Chairman Howell summarized the history of this issue, concluding that the Regional Planning Commission, at their May 27, 2008 meeting, had authorized the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee to send the issue forward to the PZA Committee. Mr. Bates moved approval of

the Ordinance, and to pass the Ordinance forward to the PZA Committee for action. Mr. Bayston seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FY 2009 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed the draft **FY 2009 Transportation Improvement Program**, reviewing projects in the Highway Portion, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Portion, and the Transit Portion. He also reviewed the State Program. General discussion was held about the projects proposed. Mr. Bates asked about the final design of the Brookmont Boulevard viaduct, and Mr. Tyson stated that the level of the tracks would not change, but that the road level underneath would be the required clearance. No action required.

FY 2009 UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Lammey reviewed the final **FY 2009 Unified Work Program** and stated that this document was required to be completed each year. No action required.

GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PLAN

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that an application for \$10,000 to update the **Greenways and Trails Plan** had been submitted to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He stated that the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee was being planned as the oversight committee for this activity, and that the Community Foundation was being planned for the citizen's advisory committee. Chairman Howell asked some questions about connections of the Riverfront Trail across Illinois Route 17, and Mr. Tyson answered.

JOINT LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE PLAN ADOPTION

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that reminder letters had gone out to units of government in Kankakee County, and that Grant Park had replied that they had adopted the Comprehensive Plan for Kankakee County last year. He stated that a presentation at the July 24 Bourbonnais Planning Commission was being scheduled.

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTING

Mr. Lammey stated that the 2004 crash records had been completed and that preliminary GIS mapping work was being done by the Highway Department.

CRITICAL COMMERCE CORRIDOR

Mr. Lammey stated that Mr. Piekarczyk had been interviewed by the consultant for the project headed by the State of Indiana, and that arrangements were underway to have Kankakee County invited to a future meeting of the study group for the project.

WIND FARM REGULATIONS

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that draft regulations have been prepared, and that the regulations will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a June 30, 2008 meeting. Chairman Howell asked when the Regulations could be expected to be approved by the County Board, and Mr. Skimerhorn stated that it was his hope that the August County Board meeting could approve the regulations.

AIRPORT STUDY

Mr. Jarvis, a member of the Task Force, stated that a consultant has been chosen (CMT from Springfield), that a contract was in force, and that preliminary data collection is underway.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that he has a conflict with the next scheduled meeting on August 21, 2008. Mr. Lammey stated that a decision will be made on the meeting soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bayston moved adjournment, and Mr. Washington seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:29 A.M.