

**Community Development Subcommittee
Summary of Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2009**

Call to Order: Jeff Jarvis, Chairman – Called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM

Roll Call: *In Attendance*

Committee Members – Jeff Jarvis, Craig Bayston, Dave Bergdahl and Bill Bukowski
Staff – Jim Greenstreet

Absent: *Not in Attendance*

Members – Elisabeth Dunbar and George Washington

Declare Quorum: Quorum present.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of May 28, 2009: Motion to approve by Mr. Bayston, seconded by Mr. Bergdahl.
Motion carried.

Minutes of March 13, 2009 meeting: Motion to approve by Mr. Bergdahl, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. Historic Preservation Program Update:

Chairman Jarvis presented there is an upcoming Centennial event for the County Courthouse in October.

B. Quality of Life Indicators:

Chairman Jarvis advised that Adrienne Martin has been working on the Kankakee County Quality of Life Report, as she had reported at our last meeting. He will ask her to present an update on that report.

C. Discussion on Scope of Kankakee River Study:

Chairman Jarvis suggested passing this topic until later in the meeting. It was agreed.

D. Urban Infill Incentive Program Discussion:

The City of Kankakee is working to do this. Discussion ensued concerning the last Regional Planning Commission meeting, panel of new small town mayors and their needs. The upcoming September 22nd Annual Dinner Meeting for the Regional Planning Commission was brought up as a logical next step, by having a panel of the mayors of the larger communities.

E. Rural Community Planning:

1. Economic Development Seminar for Small Towns:

It was suggested to recommend a program to include an overview general session with small group break-out sessions on specific topics, such as TIF districts, sales tax agreements, and enterprise zones. October was suggested as a target date. A suggested location is Webber Center at Olivet. Chairman Jarvis will discuss the concept and possible speakers with Mr. Van Mill.

C. Discussion on Scope of Kankakee River Study:

Suggested interested parties, groups or contributors:

Kankakee County, IEPA, IDNR, Illinois Department of Conservation, municipalities, park districts, forest preserve districts, Iroquois County, Indiana, Kankakee River Conservancy District, Kankakee County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Aqua Illinois, Ed malady, J.R. Black, Jim Sweeny of the Indiana Friends of the Kankakee, Jody Melton of the Kankakee River Basin Commission, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Discussion:

USACE Environmental study 1995 projected cost \$3.49 Million to do the study.

Other projected studies: Federal: \$1.8 million, other \$1.7 million

State Line Bridge

1992 Land Use Plan – Kankakee River National Park

Eagle Island

Look at zoning for river-front properties & land use – map – on GIS

River area economic opportunities?

New Business:

None presented

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 10:30 AM in the Planning Department Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bayston, seconded by Mr. Bergdahl, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Jarvis at 11:58 AM.