

MINUTES

KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANING COMMISSION LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE

July 20, 2006

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Rich Howell, Dave Bergdahl, Frank Koehler, Loretto Cowhig, Chad Miller, James Tripp, Mel Blanchette, Jeff Jarvis, Dennis Peters

Others:

Mike Van Mill, Delbert Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Sarah Billadeau, Erik Rayman - Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 4:35 P.M.

MINUTES

Mrs Cowhig moved that the Minutes of the March 30 meeting be approved. Mr. Peters. Seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Mr. Van Mill gave an update on the educational program and presented an outline. Mrs. Cowhig suggested that municipalities be invited as the program applies to everyone. Mr. Jarvis asked if municipal plans would be considered. Mr. Howell replied that that would be part of implementation. Discussion concerning scheduling the workshop and annual meeting in the same month ensued. Mr. Bergdahl expressed his concern that it may be difficult getting attendees with two major events scheduled so close together. Mr. Howell suggested that the workshop be moved to October. There were no objections.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Mr. Van Mill stated that planning staff was in a position to begin this task. Mr. Howell suggested that this was a reason for hosting the Education Workshop.

UPDATE ON STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL MODEL ORDINANCE

Mr. Howell gave a brief overview of the status of the project. The Ordinance was passed in April and has an effective date of August 1, 2006. The County is in the process of

hiring an engineer to oversee and manage this ordinance's requirements. Mr. Howell also mentioned the meeting held on July 17, 2006 concerning the formation of a countywide Stormwater Commission. Mr. Jarvis asked if municipalities would have to take action. Mr. Howell answered that action by municipalities would not be required for the creation of the Commission, however, municipalities would need to take action on the Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Howell stated that a countywide program would keep developers from playing governments against each other. Mr. Koehler stated that this Commission has the potential of being a taxing body, and as such, efforts should be taken to explain the process and development of the commission to the Mayors Association. Mr. VanMill stated that his office has received a letter from KARMA opposing the creation of the commission.

UPDATE ON SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Mr. Van Mill reported that the committee would be presented with updates to the County's Subdivision Regulation at the next meeting. Mr. VanMill also mentioned the new subdivision policy that the Village of Bourbonnais is enacting. The Village will not be issuing building permits until all subdivision improvements are finished.

TRI-VILLAGE GRANT UPDATE

Mr. Van Mill reported that Beth Hibner of HNTB was working on the draft plan and that staff would be receiving it soon. He also stated that staff would be meeting with Mrs. Hibner in two weeks to finalize the draft. Mr. Van Mill also mentioned the meetings that were held with the municipal leaders and the development community. Mr. Van Mill then asked Mr. Koehler to explain the new industrial TIF district the Village of Bourbonnais was creating in the area. Mr. Koehler explained the program and passed around a map. He explained that the district would contain 1300 to 1400 acres in the Tri-village area and that residential development would not be allowed.

REVIEW AND/OR REVISION OF LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA)

Mr. Howell stated that the LESA program was created in either 1991 or 1992 and that his Board feels that it is time to review the program. He stated that the County Board Chairman should form an Adhoc Committee, similar to the one created for the Stormwater program, to review this document and suggest revisions. Mr. Koehler moved that this request be forwarded to the County Board Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was unanimous.

TOPICS FOR 2007 WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Howell reviewed the 2006 Work Program item by item for inclusion into the 2007 Work Program. It was determined that item number four be dropped from the program and that item number three would be completed since three workshops are already scheduled for later this year. It was also suggested that item number five be dropped from the program. Mr. Van Mill suggested that members review the implementation section of the Comprehensive Plan and determine if any of the elements listed there should be included into the Work Program. The next committee meeting would be the last chance to amend the Work Program prior to the full Planning Commission meeting.

OTHER

Mr. Van Mill introduced two new staff members, Sarah and Erik, and discussed the restructuring that has occurred in the Planning Department.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 4:30 P.M., and that the meeting would be held in the second floor meeting room of the County Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Koehler moved adjournment and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Unanimous vote. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 5:44 P.M.