

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
July 27, 2010

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

Chad Miller	Tim Schmidt
Bill Bukowski	Loretto Cowhig
David Bergdahl	Mel Blanchette
Elisabeth Dunbar	Jeff Jarvis

Regional Planning Commission Members Absent:

Rich Howell	Rep. Lisa Dugan
Mayor Samuel Payton	George Washington, Jr.
Chris Tholen	Craig Bayston
Craig Blanchette	Ralph Paarlberg

No Quorum Present.

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

Mike Lammey	Delbert Skimerhorn
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Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Bergdahl.

**Public Comment.**

- None

**Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2010**

- No quorum, therefore no action on minutes.

**Speaker:**

Cliff Cross, Planner for the City of Kankakee, gave a speech regarding the City of Kankakee Strategic Work Plan. The City of Kankakee has 3 goals: Develop 2030 Comprehensive Plan; Development and implementation of a Unified Development Code; and Coordination of Departments associated with Growth Management and Revitalization of Kankakee. (See attached)

General discussion ensued after the speech.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Land Use/Transportation:** Mr. Lammey reminded the Commission of the August 12, 2010 meeting of the Citizen Board on the Illiana Study. The meeting will be held here at the County Building. The Illiana Study will be the main topic of interest at the next Land Use/Transportation Meeting.

There is construction on I-57, may want to avoid these areas.

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Work Groups: Mr. Lammey informed the Commission that work groups have been very active and meeting on a regular basis, except for one. Work groups #7 (Traffic Safety) & #5 (Transit) are two that are very active.

Mr. Jarvis stated WG#8 (River Study) is moving forward. In the fall there should be a video, documents, and brochures out for the public.

**Historic Preservation:**

Elisabeth Dunbar, Chairman of Historic Preservation gave an update. The Historic Preservation Commission is co-sponsor an event at the Kankakee Public Library on Franklin Lloyd Wright that was a success. The Bradley House had been turned over to Wright in Kankakee on June 30, 2010. The home is open to the public and is doing very well. The HP Commission is looking at nomination of some residential properties/homes in the County. The Commission is also looking into have an education workshop in October.

**New/Old Business:**

The following members terms are expiring on September 12, 2010, Mr. Bayston, Mr. Bergdahl, Mr. Jarvis, Representative Dugan, Mr. Washington, Mr. Miller, Mr. Blanchette, Mr. Schmidt, and Mr. Bates. Letters will go out to the members regarding re-appointment.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Work Group #5 – July 30, 2010 at 3 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission – August 2, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
- Work Group #7 – September 2, 2010 at 11 a.m.
- Land Use/Transportation – August 19, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Dunbar, seconded by Mr. Schmidt. Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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