

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

August 18, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Jeff Jarvis, Mel Blanchette, George Washington, Bill Bukowski, Loretto Cowhig, Samuel Payton, Craig Bayston, David Bergdahl, Craig Blanchette, Rich Howell and David Stejkowski.

Others:

Mike Lammey, Del Skimerhorn, Lindsey Harper, Ashley Potempa and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County; Donald Ernat and Alan Harwood, Illinois Department of Transportation; Mayor Paul Schore, Gregg Spathis and Laurie Cyr, Village of Bourbonnais; Fire Chief Jim Baird and Jim Travis, Village of Bradley; Glenn Nixon, Kankakee County Board Member; David Hinderliter, Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

I-57 - IL RT 50 INTERCHANGE

Mr. Donald Ernat from IDOT gave a presentation on the current reconstruction project staging. The intersection was originally built in the early 1960's with 12 foot wide lanes. Most of the time, there will be two lanes open in all directions during the reconstruction project. The shoulders and median are now being prepared for shifting lanes of traffic so that the bridges can be removed and replaced. Shoulders and lanes on Rt 50 are being widened so that work can be done on the bridge pillars in the median. Utilities will need to do work in the median, also.

Mr. Ernat went through the four stages of construction on Interstate 57, and the five stages of construction on Illinois Route 50. The project is scheduled to be completed by December, 2013.

MINUTES

Ms. Cowhig made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting as presented, seconded by Mr. Payton. Motion passed.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported that the Illiana Study has been underway for four months, and that three series of meetings have been held. He presented part of a power point presentation that was used for the third meeting, a joint session of the Illinois and Indiana members for the Study.

Representatives from the U.S. EPA were at the meeting for their first time and had asked questions about the area that could be affected. Large maps of the proposed study area were distributed for the attendees to view. General comments and questions about the Illiana Study process were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Howell suggested the Subcommittee consider the problems with county ordinance or building code that occur when there is no regulation of 1st floor elevation in older subdivisions. Municipalities have such regulations. The problem occurs when someone builds on a vacant lot and builds up the ground surrounding their house, causing excessive run-off onto neighboring properties. There is a site off Waldron Road that is experiencing this issue.

Mr. Jarvis brought up an issue in subdivisions where a 24' road with no shoulder area for parking is being constructed. The homeowners want to have a circle driveway with two entrances onto the roadway but are not allowed to, so guest parking becomes an issue.

Mr. Washington suggested a manner on how to proceed with these issues. The issues could be on the Agenda for the next meeting, on October 27, 2011.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 10:30 AM, at the Kankakee County Farm Bureau office, 1605 W. Court Street, Kankakee, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bayston moved for adjournment, and Mr. Stejkowski seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM.