

AIRPORT STUDY TASKFORCE MINUTES August 28, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members – Mr. Kenneth Hearn, Ms. Loretto Cowhig, Mr. Mike Van Mill, Mr. Jeff Jarvis, Mr. Jason Licon

Staff – Mr. Mike Lammey, Mr. Michael Martin, Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn, Mr. Jim Greenstreet

Consultants – None

Others – Mr. Darrel Bruck, Ms. Leigh Marcotte, Mr. David Bergdahl, Mr. Marc Wakat

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Van Mill called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mr. Bruck of Outrage gave a presentation in regards to the Kankakee Regional Landfill proposal South West of the Airport. He mentioned that other communities do not have landfills just off the runways creating an eyesore from the air as well as a hazard due to birds near the airport. He thought that the landfill would be a serious roadblock to the efforts of the Airport Study Task Force and wanted to make the Task Force aware of the project. Chairman Van Mill indicated that the Task Force will take the comments made under advisement and relay them to the consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 7, 2008 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Ms. Cowhig. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSULTANT PROGRESS REPORT:

The “Airport Land Use, Transportation and Economic Development Study” includes the following items. 1.) Purpose of Study 2.) Study Area 3.) Airport Role 4.) Airport Compatibility 5.) Opportunities and Constraints 6.) Generalized Land Use Concepts and 7.) Economic Development. Mr. Lammey reported that item number 1.) was almost done, item number 2.) was done and item number 3.) is being worked on now.

REVIEW OF FUTURE LAND USE MAP:

Chairman VanMill passed out some land use maps of the study area and wanted to break down the study area by looking at each quarter. He opened up discussions about what each member thought as far as future land use and possibilities.

Mr. Jarvis noted that bike trails and walking paths are a great asset. Chairman VanMill mentioned that he will mention that to CMT to include in their study. Chairman VanMill also mentioned that he would like to see development in clusters which would also provide and protect open spaces.

Mr. Licon noted that the area around the airport shown as airport compatible uses could probably be scaled down to one half mile around the airport areas as a noise buffer zone. Chairman VanMill

mentioned that a better definition of agriculture use and airport use was needed. The Task Force should determine the specific meaning to better assist in the future planning.

Chairman Van Mill mentioned that the areas west of Route 45 - 52 are the I-57 employment districts. He also brought up the fairgrounds and asked what each member thought the future plans of that land should include. General conclusion was that this study would not want to hinder fairground growth and therefore would need to plan for the future of the fairground as well. It was also mentioned that there is desire for a frontage road along I-57 south of exit 308, with areas like industrial/business campuses with walking trails ponds, etc.

It was also brought up that the Task Force would like to have all areas with current houses remain residential. Chairman VanMill mentioned that he will advise the consultant CMT of all these considerations.

On the north side of I-57 west of Illinois Route 45/52, the Task Force desired industrial and/or commercial highway oriented land uses. The east side of 45/52 North of I-57 the Task Force members agreed upon some commercial and some as agricultural. The Task Force would also like to see commercial development adjacent to I-57 on the north side of I-57, with construction similar to the new jail as an example. The map of proposed land uses agreed upon by the Task Force is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC MEETING:

Mr. Lammey gave a brief discussion of the public meeting on September 25, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Kankakee. Letters were mailed out to the property owners August 22, 2008 notifying them of the public meeting. A public notice will also be posted in the Daily Journal (to run week of September 15). All Task Force members were reminded that their presence is requested that night. It is still intended to have three stations. Station number 1) airport power point presentation that repeats, 2) Consultant presentation on findings, 3) displays that allow for discussions with individuals. The second public meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2008.

QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:

There were none.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Chairman Van Mill stated that the next meetings are scheduled for:

September 18, 2008 @ 3:30 P.M.

September 25, 2008 @ 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Public Meeting

October 30, 2008 @ to be determined

October 30, 2008 @4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Public Meeting

Subsequent meetings if required

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lammey mentioned that the consultant will be sending out invoices next week. He asked Task Force members to notify their governments of the invoices. The City of Kankakee will be billed for 40% of total, Kankakee County for 50% of total and Kankakee Valley Airport Authority for 10% of total. A motion was made by Mr. Hearn and seconded by Mr. Licon to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 PM.

