

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission
Annual Meeting
Summary of Minutes
September 22, 2009

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

Chad Miller	Mel Blanchette
Craig Bayston	Rich Howell
Loretto Cowhig	Bill Bukowski
Jeff Jarvis	Ralph Paarlberg
George Washington, Jr.	Elisabeth Dunbar
David Bergdahl	Tim Schmidt
Craig Blanchette	

Quorum Present.

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

Michael J. Van Mill	Michelle Sadler
Mike Lammey	Delbert Skimerhorn
Gina O'Neill	

Others Present Included:

Kurt Wilson, Merisant	Mel Marshall, Village of Manteno Planning
Mayor Nina Epstein, City of Kankakee	Charles Draine, Kankakee County ZBA
Mayor Mike Watson, Village of Sammons Point	Jana Knight
Cherrie McBride, Kankakee County Board	Anjanita Dumas, City of Kankakee
Mardene Hinton, KCHPC & Larry Hinton	Leo Whitten, Kankakee County Board
Mike Bossert, Kankakee County Board Chairman	Ed Meetns, Kankakee County ZBA
John Adams, KCHPC & Rita Adams	Pat Wagner, KCHPC & Roger Wagner
Mayor Tim Nugent, Village of Manteno	Bill Hemm, Kankakee County ZBA
Dr. Jim Paul, KCHPC & Patricia Paul	Steve Liehr, Kankakee County Board V-Chair
Diane Dole, Village of Manteno	Jerry Dole, Village of Manteno
Joe Kerwin, Village of Manteno	Evelyn Kerwin, Village of Manteno

The dinner meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Van Mill.

A quorum was declared.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to retain the officers George Washington as Chairman, Rich Howell as Vice-Chairman and David Bergdahl as Secretary. Motion was second by Mr. Paarlberg. Motion Carried.

Mr. Van Mill introduced the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Members, the Historic Preservation Members and staff of the Planning Department that were in attendance.

Mr. Washington introduced Mike Bossert, Kankakee County Board Chairman. Mr. Bossert wanted to take the time to thank the volunteers of the Regional Planning Commission for their time and efforts.

Dinner was served.

After dinner there was a panel discussion with Mayor Shore, Mayor Nugent, Mayor Epstein, and Mr. Bossert.

There were two basic questions asked of the panel:

- Give a brief overview of what has occurred in your City/Village over the past 10 years (building development, annexations, population changes and shifts, key developments and other highlights). Follow up question: Give the changing economic and development times we are facing today, what are your planning and development goals going forward for your community?
- Outline and briefly described your top development initiatives/programs you are pursuing.
 - Follow up questions:
 - How do your planning and development goals/initiatives fit into the region?
 - How do they impact the regional?
 - What role could the regional planning organization play to assist you achieve your planning and development goals?
 - How can we maximize our resources (County's) to meet your needs?

General discussion ensued after each question.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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