

Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission Meeting  
Summary of Minutes  
September 28, 2010

Regional Planning Commission Members Present:

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| Rich Howell      | Jeff Jarvis    | Craig Bayston          |
| Bill Bukowski    | Loretto Cowhig | George Washington, Jr. |
| David Bergdahl   | Mel Blanchette | Elizabeth Scanlon      |
| David Stejkowski |                |                        |

Regional Planning Commission Members Absent:

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| Chad Miller         | Rep. Lisa Dugan  | Ralph Paarlberg  |
| Mayor Samuel Payton | Craig Blanchette | Elisabeth Dunbar |
| Chris Tholen        |                  |                  |

Quorum Present.

Kankakee County Planning Department Staff Present:

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| Mike Van Mill | Delbert Skimerhorn | Michelle Sadler |
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Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Washington.

**Public Comment.**

- None

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

- Motion was made by Mr. Bergdahl to approve the March 23, 2010 minutes. Mr. Bayston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Introduction of Two New Members:**

Mr. Van Mill introduced newly appointed member Elizabeth Scanlon from Herscher. Ms. Scanlon gave a short bio on herself.

Mr. Van Mill introduced newly appointed member David Stejkowski from Bourbonnais. Mr. Stejkowski gave a short bio on himself.

**Election of Officers:**

The floor was open for nomination of officers. It was recommended that the following be elected: Rich Howell, Chairman; Craig Bayston, Vice Chairman; and Craig Blanchette, Secretary. With no other nomination Mr. Bergdahl made a motion to close nominations. Mr. Mel Blanchette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Stejkowski made a motion to accept the nominated officers as follows: Rich Howell, Chairman; Craig Bayston, Vice Chairman; and Craig Blanchette, Secretary. Mr. Bayston seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Howell was seated as Chairman.

Mr. Van Mill express thanks to Mr. Washington for his leadership and dedication in the Chairman position for all these years.

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**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Land Use/Transportation:** There is not much activity at this time. The Illiana Expressway is the main topic of interest for the Land Use/Transportation Meetings.

**Work Groups:** Mr. Van Mill would like an existing work group to look into the truck traffic and the Illiana for endorsement or comment. Mr. Van Mill will work with Mr. Lammey as to which work group would be the best for this item.

Mr. Van Mill would like to see another work group created to work on the Solid Waste Management Plan. Patrick Engineering will be involved in the process and update. Patrick Engineering has already started their review and the work group will be involved in the process within the next few months. If anyone is interested in sitting on the new work group, please contact Ms. Sadler.

Mr. Howell inquired about the status of the wind farm. They have not started at this time. They are in the process of working out the transportation plan. There is nothing yet on a phase 2.

**Historic Preservation:**

Ms. Cowhig reported that the Bradley House is open and available for private events. "The home and ground are beautiful and if you haven't had a change to tour it yet, I encourage you to do so."

**New/Old Business:**

Mr. Howell informed the Commission that Mr. Van Mill has made great strides in the drive to make improvement in the river, on the river, near the river. Mr. Howell feels that people are re-energized and re-focused on the river.

Mr. Van Mill talked about the County's budget. This will greatly affect the Planning Department. The Planning Department's budget is currently at \$570,000 and will be reduced by at least \$100,000. This will mean staff cuts and could hamper the workload.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- Work Group #5 – October 1, 2010 at 3 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission – October 4, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.
- Land Use/Transportation – October 28, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.
- Work Group #5 – October 29, 2010 at 3 p.m.
- Historic Preservation Commission – November 1, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bayston, seconded by Mr. Mel Blanchette. Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Approved 11/23/10

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