

**Community Development Subcommittee
Summary of Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2009**

Call to Order: Jeff Jarvis, Chairman – Called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM

Roll Call: *In Attendance*

Committee Members – Jeff Jarvis, Craig Bayston, Dave Bergdahl and Tim Schmidt
Staff – Jim Greenstreet and Delbert Skimerhorn

Absent: *Not in Attendance*

Members – Elisabeth Dunbar, Bill Bukowski and George Washington

Declare Quorum: No Quorum present at start, quorum achieved at 11:05 AM.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Tabled with no quorum

Old Business

A. Historic Preservation Program Update:

Chairman Jarvis presented the Centennial event for the County Courthouse in October seemed to be well attended and successful.

B. Quality of Life Indicators:

Chairman Jarvis advised that Adrienne Martin has left the Economic Alliance where she was working on the Kankakee County Quality of Life Report. He stated that a new hire at the Economic Alliance will take up this task in the near future.

C. Rural Community Planning:

1. Economic Development Seminar for Small Towns:

One seminar has been held on Zoning and planning issues, and others are scheduled. November 11, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Quality Inn, will be a seminar on Downtown Development. Others are scheduled every other month.

2. Zoning Plans/Comprehensive Plans:

Mr. Skimerhorn stated the Pembroke plan had been approximately 75% completed, but work on it has stalled. Village and Township support are required to get that project to move forward. The Village of Limestone has adopted the County Codes. Discussions are on-going with Grant Park and Sammons Point about their needs. A business inventory is underway in St. Anne, interviewing business owners.

D. Discussion on Scope of Kankakee/Iroquois River Study:

Chairman Jarvis updated new committee member Schmidt on discussions thus far on the proposed project. Discussion included the environmental factor presented by opposing factions in Indiana concerned with either dredging the Kankakee River or restoration of the river there, and how either would have impact downstream in Kankakee County.

There have been no recent new studies on the Kankakee River, but there have been several older studies.

In the area of the rivers, suggestions included:

1. Enhancements at Shapiro Developmental Center
2. The Kankakee River State Park Lodge
3. Expand the State Park and create a scenic drive along Rt. 113 by obtaining additional land on the south-west side of the highway with a wider right-of-way for expansion of the highway in the future, and planting trees and shrubs along the west side of the highway
4. Protect scenic view/vista areas such as along the river east and west of Momence and along Rt 102 and Rt 113
5. Preserved woodlands such as in Limestone Township
6. Community redevelopment in the area of the Station Street river bridge
7. Improvements and enhancements to Legion Park

It was suggested to include the Community Foundation on the list of possible participants in any future river study.

Discussion noted the river study could not be done as a single project, but would need to have identified segments and needs. There should be a long range plan for overall goals and objectives, documenting all available previous studies done. There would be smaller, modular or segmented projects identified by need, scope, nature, and geographic and municipal location for future study action. The projects could be prioritized by perceived need.

New Business:

None presented

Approval of Minutes: With quorum present.

Minutes of July 9, 2009: Motion to approve by Mr. Bergdahl, seconded by Mr. Bayston. Motion carried.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 10:30 AM in the Planning Department Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bayston, seconded by Mr. Bergdahl, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Jarvis at 11:42 AM.