

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

October 11, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Chad Miller, Chairman, Presiding; George Washington, Vice-Chairman; Jeff Jarvis; Loretto Cowhig; Craig Blanchette; Rich Howell; Ralph Paarlberg; Dave Bergdahl; Mel Blanchette; Craig Bayston; Bill Bukowski; and David Stejkowski.

Others:

Del Skimerhorn, Mike Lammey, Ashley Skimerhorn and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County Planning Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Howell made a motion to retain Mr. Miller as Chairman and Mr. Washington as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr. M. Blanchette. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the August 16, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mr. M. Blanchette. Motion carried.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey used a power point presentation and handout material showing slides from the October 9, 2012 Illiana Study public meeting, still showing the B3 alignment is favored by the Illiana Study and why. Complete Illiana Presentation can be found at:

http://www.illianacorridor.org/pdfs/illiana_cpptf9ppt_100912%20final.pdf

The expectation is for the B3 Alignment to go forward in the planning process, approaching a “build vs. no-build” decision.

GRANT PARK COMPREHENSIVE

Mr. Skimerhorn reported on the progress on the Grant Park Comprehensive Plan Update.

Handouts included a copy of Final Survey Results and notes on a Public Forum held September 20, 2012. There were 43 attendees at the public forum who were broken out into small groups for a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats) analysis. The results of the SWOT analysis were discussed.

URBANIZED AREA/METROPOLITAN PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

Mr. Lammey presented to the Subcommittee a map showing the newly designated Urbanized Area, with an outline for the planned Metropolitan Planning Area boundary around it. He explained the differences for transit services (River Valley METRO Mass Transit District inside the Urbanized Area and Kankakee County Public Transit through SHOW BUS for bus service that is outside the Urbanized Area or begins or ends outside the Urbanized Area) and the requirements for planning through the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) for Federal Funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Howell opened discussion concerning Subcommittee membership and attendance. Mr. Howell suggested asking Ms. Sadler to send letters to all Subcommittee members asking if they wish to remain on the subcommittee. It was suggested that the Regional Planning Commission Chairman discuss this and other possible solutions with Mr. Van Mill and at the next RPC meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Regional Planning Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Washington moved for adjournment, and Mr. Bayston seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:58 AM.