

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

October 27, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Chairman Chad Miller, Jeff Jarvis, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, Craig Bayston, David Bergdahl, Craig Blanchette, Rich Howell, Ralph Paarlberg and David Stejkowski.

Others:

Mike Lammey, Lindsey Harper and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM, and welcomed everyone to the Farm Bureau Office Board Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES

Discussion over the wording under new business of concerns on the “1st floor elevation” of houses being built in older subdivisions led to an agreement to let the wording stand. The word “hose” is to be corrected to “house” in the third sentence. The last sentence in the same paragraph should read “There is a site off Waldron Road that is experiencing this issue.” Under the section on the I-57 IL Rt 50 interchange, an extra word “now” is to be removed. Mr. Bayston made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. C. Blanchette. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Miller opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Howell moved to retain the same officers as present, Mr. Miller as Chairman and Mr. Washington as Vice-Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergdahl. Motion carried, electing Mr. Miller as Chairman and Mr. Washington as Vice-Chairman.

ILLIANA UPDATE

Mr. Lammey reported attending the meeting for the Illiana Study on Tuesday. He showed a map of many proposed routes for the expressway and a map of potential routes. He also showed the proposed area for the route as presented by Kankakee County. Discussion followed concerning

obstacles to the various routes, and possible modifications of the alignments. There will be a public meeting on December 14th (*time to be announced*) at the Matteson Hotel, Rt.30 @ I-57.

TRANSPORTATION BROCHURE 2011 EDITION

Mr. Lammey discussed the Transportation Brochure for 2011 which is in draft for the committee's review. Mr. Jarvis asked when Manteno will become part of the MPO. Mr. Lammey explained the 2010 Census results are being examined by the Census Bureau, and they will make an announcement in 2012. It may be 2013 before Manteno officially becomes a part of the MPO. Mr. Jarvis asked this to be explained in the new Brochure. Mr. Howell inquired as to the apparent problems with traffic signal timing and functions in the area. Mr. Lammey explained the traffic consultant we have hired is looking into the problems currently with the crash analysis audits. Mr. Fred Ranck will be reporting to this committee at the December meeting. Mr. Paarlberg asked about the change in the roadway elevation (down) at Maple Street and 10000 N Road in Manteno. No one knew the particulars on this change. Mr. Paarlberg also asked who was responsible for a large pothole on 12000 N Road at the railroad crossing by Sollit. He stated it has been bad for 6 months. It may be Yellowhead Township, Will County or a Will County township, or the railroad's responsibility. The bridge on 7000 N Road over the railroad south of Grant Park is still being planned for replacement in 2012.

TOPICS OF CONCERN FOR 2012

In addition to the traffic signal and other issues discussed above, the issue of 24' roadways with 4' shoulders in new subdivisions was suggested. This may be addressed by the township road commissioners or by subdivision regulations. The problems associated with 80,000 pound load limits for all roadways by Illinois law was brought up. Mr. Bergdahl asked if there was a need for any new studies, and if there was any funding to do new studies. Mr. Lammey stated the only funding left will probably need to be used for a consultant for the next Long Range Plan Update. Mr. Jarvis stated the River Round Table information is important to this committee. Mr. Bergdahl asked if there was any issues in relation to the recent head-on crash of two semi's on Rt. 114 that can be reviewed. Mr. Howell stated there was a problem with merging traffic into the right lane, going from 4-lane to 2-lane, on Rt. 45/52 at the north edge of Bourbonnais, when people are trying to turn right. They are planning another driveway cut for a new business in the same area. Other places merge into the left lane when closing from 4 to 2 lanes, as on Rt 102 and Rt 17 West. Another traffic problem suggested was the problem with permissive left turns on a green light, which could be resolved with protected left turns only on a green arrow. This is also being studied by the consultant. The County Highway Department is looking into possible changes to signals at Rt 45/52 at 5000 N Road to make it more safe for west bound traffic to turn left.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10:30 AM, at the **Kankakee County Administration Building**, second floor conference room, 189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. C. Blanchette moved for adjournment, and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Motion passed. Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.