

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 18, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Rich Howell, Dennis Peters, Jim Tripp, Frank Koehler, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, Chad Miller and Steve Kelley

Others:

Mike Van Mill, Mike Lammey, Delbert Skimerhorn and Eric Sadler, Kankakee County; Phil Hanegraaf and Joe Clemens, HNTB; and Larry Lund, REPG

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Howell introduced new members of the Subcommittee, Chad Miller and Steve Kelley, and introduced the Subcommittee as well.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Koehler moved the election of the current officers, Mr. Howell as Chairman, and Mr. Bergdahl as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Peters seconded. Mr. Koehler moved closure of the nominations, and Mr. Peters seconded. Unanimous vote on closure, and unanimous vote on the officers.

MINUTES

Mr. Koehler moved that the Minutes of the August 19, 2004 meeting be approved. Mr. Blanchette seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Chairman Howell stated that the Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee has finished the first 50 pages of the document, and were continuing with the project. He stated that it was the goal of the process to have all jurisdictions in Kankakee County have a document to adopt, and that having the engineers from all of those jurisdictions involved should make that process easier.

Chairman Howell pointed out that two construction locations along Route 45/52 on the north edge of Bourbonnais had stormwater facilities in place during the construction phase, and invited Subcommittee members to view these locations.

LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Chairman Howell introduced new Subcommittee members to the HNTB project team, and Mr. Hanegraaf introduced Larry Lund from REPG, and Joe Clemens from HNTB. Mr. Hanegraaf stated that the material presented at this meeting is meant to close Work Task 3 of the project, the Planning Analysis phase. He stated that the next phase will be the Scenario Development phase, and at that time material will be posted on the project website.

Mr. Hanegraaf stated that most of the material presented at this meeting would be “background” in nature, but that the Goals and Objectives section would be a “content” section. The Goals and Objectives section has been summarized in a more concise fashion that had been previously drafted, and that some action on this section needs to be completed tonight.

Mr. Hanegraaf stated that the “Demographic” section of the report relied on data that had been developed by Woods & Poole. He stated that the comparisons of the projections of that data did not agree with the data being assembled by Kankakee County, that the Woods and Poole study did not reflect the situation in the County currently, and that the projections were not accurate. He stated that HNTB and REPG were developing other projections, based upon the data supplied by Kankakee County, and that these projections, once agreed upon by Kankakee County, would be the basis for the constraints placed upon the scenario development process.

Mr. Clemens discussed the Draft Existing Conditions Report Highlights. Transportation issues were discussed. Land Use issues were discussed, leading to the conclusion that the amount of land zoned residential is greater than the demand for the foreseeable future. The history behind this condition was discussed. The issue of water service to Limestone Township and its impact on future development was also discussed.

Chairman Howell suggested that the Goals and Objectives section should be covered, and that the Scenario Development discussion be held at the end of the meeting. Extensive conversation regarding the Goals and Objectives section ensued.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Lammey distributed the meeting schedule for 2005. Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 4:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blanchette moved adjournment, and Mr. Bergdahl seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 4:27 P.M.