

# AIRPORT STUDY TASKFORCE MINUTES

**December 18, 2008 @ 3:30 PM**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Floor Conference Room  
County Administration Building  
189 E. Court Street, Kankakee, IL**

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members** – Ms. Danita Swanson, Ms. Loretto Cowhig, Mr. Mike Van Mill, Mr. Jeff Jarvis, Mr. Jason Licon

**Staff** – Mr. Mike Lammey, Mr. Delbert Skimerhorn, Mr. Jim Greenstreet

**Consultants** – None

**Others** –Mr. David Bergdahl

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mike Van Mill called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

No public comment was received.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the October 27, 2008 meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ms. Swanson, seconded by Ms. Cowhig. The motion passed.

## **PUBLIC MEETING:**

Chairman Van Mill called on Mr. Lammey to report on the recent Public Meeting. Mr. Lammey gave a brief discussion of the public meeting held December 2, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn. There were 39 attendees who were verbally supportive and even gave applause after the presentation.

There were two written comments received from Jeff Jarvis concerning the draft report. The first cited the draft report calling for considering “relocation” possibilities of the County Fairgrounds, which was not in keeping with what was discussed, which was enhancing and expanding the Fairgrounds for additional entertainment uses. The second item was on Figure 1, which identified a proposed ramp at I-57 northbound at Rts 45-52 southbound as an “on-ramp”, when it should be an “exit ramp.” These errors were not corrected in the final version of the report presented for acceptance and will need to be addressed then.

## **QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA:**

None

## **ACTION ON FINAL AIRPORT STUDY REPORT:**

The Final Report is posted to the County Planning Department website Airport Study webpage.

Discussion resumed concerning the changes to make before accepting the Final Report. It was agreed to strike the sentence calling for considering relocation of the Fairgrounds in section 2.3.3 and replace it with a statement of support of enhancement and expansion of entertainment uses of the Fairgrounds. In Section

2.3.5, bullet point stating the Fairgrounds should be relocated should be eliminated. The label on Figure 1 should be corrected to exit ramp or off-ramp for I-57 northbound going onto Rts 45-52 southbound.

With these corrections, a motion was made by Mr. Licon and seconded by Mr. Jarvis to accept the Airport Study Final Report. Motion passed.

Mr. Lammey then presented the Task Force with a proposal to prepare a signature page for the members to sign to attach to the Report, which would dedicate this report in memory of Mr. George Hawker, who recently passed away. Mr. Hawker had served on this Task Force, appointed by the Airport Authority, where he had served as a board member from 1994 until his death this year. The Task Force agreed to this proposal. Mr. Lammey will prepare the document.

**THANK YOU TO TASK FORCE MEMBERS:**

Chairman Van Mill thanked the members for their commitment, input and service on the Task Force.

Mr. Licon reported the Airport Authority Board was happy with the intent and direction of the plan to protect the assets of the airport and to establish standards for development around the airport to remain consistent with the airport use.

Mr. Jarvis brought up discussion of how to proceed with the Study. Implementation will be necessary by the County, the City of Kankakee and the Village of Sammons Point. He suggested it be forwarded to the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee of the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, who should forward it to the full Regional Planning Commission on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Regional Planning Commission would then send it on to the PZA and on to the full County Board for its March meeting. It was suggested Chairman Van Mill would be available to give a presentation to the Kankakee City Council to recommend they endorse and implement the land use regulations proposed in the Study.

**MOTION TO DISSOLVE TASK FORCE IN 60 DAYS:**

Chairman Van Mill recommended the Task Force, having fulfilled its purpose, vote to dissolve itself. Mr. Lammey stated Mr. Van Mill has suggested to have the vote now, with the dissolution to be effective in 60 days. If any pressing concerns arose during the 60 days, the Task Force could be reconvened. If no relevant matters come to light, the Task Force would be dissolved in 60 days. The motion was made by Ms. Swanson to dissolve the Task Force effective in 60 days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cowhig. Motion Passed.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

None

Subsequent meetings if required.

**ADJOURNMENT;**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jarvis and seconded by Mr. Licon. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 PM