

MINUTES
KANKAKEE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION
LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE
DECEMBER 18, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Members:

Rich Howell, Chad Miller, Dave Bergdahl, Mel Blanchette, Loretto Cowhig, George Washington, Jeff Jarvis, Craig Blanchette and Mayor Payton

Others:

Mike Lammey, Del Skimerhorn and Jim Greenstreet, Kankakee County

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 9:38 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Mr. Miller moved approval of the October 16, 2008 Minutes. Mr. Washington seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Lammey referred to the display boards showing the eight (8) goals for the Long-Range Transportation Plan, and stated that the comments made by the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee have been added to those display boards. He stated that a Public Meeting on the Long-Range Transportation Plan was held on December 9, and that a good response was received. He distributed comment forms that were received at that meeting.

Mr. Lammey thanked Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Cowhig for their participation at the Public Meeting, and stated that comments made at the meeting by Ms. Cowhig have caused some conversation between staff on how address those comments. Ms. Cowhig stated that her comments had to deal with the increasing population of older drivers, and the need to make allowances in the way that information is given to those drivers to compensate for their diminished driving skills.

AIRPORT STUDY

Mr. Jarvis stated that the final meeting of the Airport Study Task Force was scheduled for the afternoon of December 18 at 3:30 P.M. He passed around a copy of the Final Report, and stated

that a comment about the Fairgrounds in the Final Report needs to be modified. Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Lamme and Ms. Cowhig responded to questions about the Final Report from members of the Subcommittee. Mr. Jarvis asked that the Final Report be brought to the Subcommittee at the January 22, 2009 meeting for adoption, and to the full Regional Planning Commission for their adoption at their January 27, 2009 meeting.

GREENWAYS AND TRAILS

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the contract for the study has been received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and would be presented to the PZA Committee at their meeting on December 23. He stated that the kickoff meeting for the project would be on January 15, 2009, at the Community Foundation. He stated that the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the project would be a committee formed by the Community Foundation, and that the committee recommendations would come to the Land Use/Transportation Subcommittee for action. Mr. Bergdahl volunteered to be a representative on that Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that representatives from each municipality would be encouraged to be members of the Committee.

TRANSIT ISSUES

Mr. Lamme stated that there is an issue with the State of Illinois in the timeliness of reimbursement of funding, and that it is likely to get worse. He stated that the service being planned between Momence and Kankakee will begin in mid-January, and referred to a survey of METRO riders that stated that 41% of the riders responding to the survey wanted to make trips to Momence, and that 16% wanted to make trips to Sun River Terrace, two areas that will be served by the SHOW BUS/Kankakee County proposed service.

Mayor Payton stated that he had a suggestion for transit service to Hopkins Park and Pembroke Township, and wanted to discuss it at the next Land Use/Transportation meeting. Mr. Lamme stated that he would discuss the ideas with Mayor Payton in advance of the next meeting.

SUBDIVISION AND CONSERVATION DESIGN ORDINANCE

Mr. Skimerhorn passed out the bound ordinance and stated that the County Board had approved it at their December 9, 2008 meeting. Chairman Howell asked if requirements to have the preliminary plat show building elevations had been discussed as being part of the revision. Mr. Skimerhorn stated that it had not, and Chairman Howell asked that staff add this to their list of items on the Work Program.

JOINT LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE PLAN ADOPTIONS

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that the Village of Buckingham had approved the County Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Village of Bourbonnais had not yet taken action, even though two presentations had been made.

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTING

Mr. Lamme stated that meetings were set up to discuss this subject with both the GIS and Highway Departments in January.

WIND FARM ISSUE

Mr. Skimerhorn stated that an application will be filed in the first week of January.

I-57 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER KANKAKEE RIVER

Chairman Howell stated that the State of Illinois is asking for comments about this project, tentatively scheduled for FY 2011.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lammey reminded the Subcommittee that there was a meeting of the Airport Study Task Force at 3:30 this afternoon, and that the Tri-Village Plan will be presented to the Bourbonnais Planning Commission at their 7:30 P.M. meeting tonight.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Howell stated that the next meeting would be January 22, 2009, and that the location would be the METRO Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mel Blanchette moved adjournment, and Mr. Craig Blanchette seconded. Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 10:33 A.M.