

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 24, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Charlie Eldredge, Bill Swenson, Jeremy Shaw, Jerry Davenport, RB Thompson, Dennis Dreher, Craig Hubert and Ron Bauman

Commissioners Absent: Jim McNutt, Frank Harrison and Nancy Schietzelt

Staff: SuzAnne Ehardt and Cindy Sassaman

Also Present: Pat Kennedy, David Brandt, Lisa Haderlien, Ersel Schuster, Dan Ryan, Sherry Ludwig, Julie Richardson and other interested public.

**Public Participation**

Connor Brown, McHenry County Association of Realtors, provided the Commissioners with a copy of the affordable housing tool kit. He noted some things may not pertain to the county, but there are four strategies that can be used to address affordable housing and they are self explanatory. He noted there were two concerns; how does it impact private property rights and affordability. He welcomed questions at anytime and will be willing to follow up.

Ms. Kennedy mentioned that zoning ordinances are written to support land use plans. She explained that when a precise word is changed to a vague word it makes it more difficult for the public to understand the meaning. She prefers precise wording.

**Directors Remarks**

Ms. Ehardt handed out a synopsis of the various incorporated cities and villages in McHenry County. This is a project that staff has begun to put together for inclusion in the 2030 Plan. Ms. Ehardt requested that the Commission review the packet for content and to let staff know if there is any other information that the Commission would like to add.

Mr. Coughlin's letter of resignation has been received. Motion by Mr. Swenson, second by Mr. Hubert to accept the resignation of Jim Coughlin. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Ehardt also mentioned she met with Mr. Harrison and received his comments for the Water Resource Chapter. His concern is before each chapter is passed on to the Planning & Development Committee that it is reviewed by the Commission in final form. Motion by Mr. Davenport, seconded by

Mr. Hubert to allow each chapter to proceed to the Planning & Development Committee after a final review by the Commission. Mr. Dreher is concerned about the schedule for the rest of the year and meeting the deadline for the plan. Mr. Thompson would like the chapters to be shared with the public prior to approval. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Review continued on the Water Resource Chapter beginning with page 10 by discussing/clarifying all highlighted areas.

Mr. Shaw left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Jung left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Commission took a short break from 8:25 to 8:35.

The Commission completed reviewing the Water Resources Chapter at page 16 for the evening.

MCCG –Ms. Richardson commented that the Commission is looking at the plan as an umbrella. She spoke of the Commission’s concern with enforcement and how much can be for enforcement in municipalities. The municipalities are waiting for a lofty goal to be identified. They are looking to help obtain the goals set forth by the Commission and are willing to do the work. She encouraged the Commission to stick with higher goals.

**Member Comments**

None

**Public Comment**

Sherry Ludwig of Harvard stated that she is worried this document is like the folktale of the man who bought a watchdog and stayed up all night barking for the dog. She sees watering down and questioning of the data and the conclusions, which is worrisome. She stated she is concerned that the dog is fenced in. She would like to see more words like ensure, should etc. Municipalities are looking for a direction to place their policy.

Connor Brown discussed CMAP wording on page 10. He participates on CMAP and is happy to see statements in support of CMAP group. The water demand study with SIU is not finished and it is premature of the Plan to endorse solutions prior to study completion. He suggested that general statement and state legislation would be better.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Dreher second by Mr. Thompson to adjourn. All members present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

After the meeting was adjourned it was mentioned the Commission may need to look at the schedule and schedule additional meetings.

