

**MCHENRY COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2008**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman Charlie Eldredge, Dennis Dreher, Frank Harrison, Jim McNutt, RB Thompson, Nancy Schietzelt, Craig Hubert, John Jung, Bill Swenson, Jerry Davenport, Ron Bauman

**Absent:** Jeremy Shaw

**Also present:** Barb Wheeler, Mary Donner, Mary McCann, Pete Austin, Ersel Schuster, Conor Brown, Kim Willis, Ed Riley, Auddie Beeson, Julie Richardson and Anna Moeller

**Staff Present:** Matthew Hansel, Maryann Wanaski and Cindy Sassaman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eldredge at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Mr. McNutt, seconded by Ms. Schietzelt to approve the minutes of June 12, 2008 and June 26, 2008. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

None

**Director's Remarks**

Ms. Wanaski handed out several informational items to the Commission.

Chairman Eldredge commented that several people including, the County Board Chairman, and Peter Austin have been involved in the interviewing of the candidates that will be assisting the Commission in the writing/organization of the 2030 Plan. He announced that there is a strong recommendation for Hoseal Lavigne. It is their present intent to have them here at the next meeting. The only hurdle is the cost of services.

**Presentations**

Spring Duffy, resource analyst from McHenry County Soil & Water, gave a presentation on the LESA scoring system. She provided explanation on scoring four (4) different sites throughout the county and explained each site. She began by explaining the land evaluation (LE portion) and then the site assessment (or SA portion). She also explained how certain questions rated certain scores and all other factors that are included in the scoring.

There was a short break from 7:20 p.m. to 7:34 p.m.

There was a brief discussion on the next meeting date. It was the consensus of the Commission to change the next meeting date from the July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Mr. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Thompson to change the next meeting date from July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jason Osborne from MCDOT was present to answer questions from the Commission regarding the County's transportation plan and to discuss future trends. He asked if there were any policy questions the Commission had for MCDOT. He answered questions from the Commission until 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Eldredge proposed that the Water Resource & Open Space draft chapters (as posted on the 2030 website) be submitted to the Planning & Development Committee for comments. After the writer is hired the Commission may re-send a comprehensive draft.

Ms. Wheeler said that all the information will be blended by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party writer. The draft chapters could be included in the packet for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Planning and Development Committee and then be added to the August 7<sup>th</sup> Planning and Development Committee Agenda for discussion. The Commission is hopeful that the Ag draft section will be ready for Committee Review as well.

Commissioners asked if the minutes from the Planning & Development Committee meeting could be used to review their comments based on their review.

Ms. Wheeler explained with the last 2020 land use update the County Board became disengaged. Now they are trying to engage Board members. Board members are accountable for knowing where the Commission is in the chapters, maps etc. and the entire process of the plan.

Mr. Harrison is concerned that without mapping and other issues that some members of the Planning and Development Committee will look at these things in a different way.

Ms. Wheeler stated that the chapters are the foundation for the mapping and other issues.

Motion by Mr. Dreher, seconded by Mr. McNutt to send the Water Resources and Open Space drafts to the Planning and Development Committee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Schietzelt asked about receiving the, LEAM PowerPoint presentation and news from LEAM on the comments that were submitted from Commissioners. Ms. Wanaski reported that LEAM is still inputting the data. The PowerPoint presentation is located on the LEAM access site. Commissioners requested that the website password be sent to them again.

Mr. Harrison reported that the economic development subcommittee has not finalized their items for discussion. He mentioned that "Lulu's" "locally undesirable land use" such as wind farms. etc. are some of the issues they will be addressing.

### **Additional Public Comment**

Kim Willis mentioned earlier tonight during the LESA presentation, the sites used comparing LESA scores were used from a consultant's site and thought clarification should be made.

Ms. Wheeler stated that she is in an awkward position. She spoke of the consensus of the Commission in not filling the vacancies on the Commission. The Planning & Development Committee will be interviewing three candidates at the July 17th meeting. The reason is to be sure that all districts are represented.

### **Summary of Action Items**

- Next meeting will be July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Planning and Development will receive existing draft chapters in their next packet
- Planning Commission will finish reviewing the Agriculture draft at the next meeting and start reviewing the Economic Development Chapter, if time allows
- Staff will contact LEAM to resend passwords to their website
- Dates to meet with CMAP to discuss population updates with the Ad Hoc Committee will be finalized

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. McNutt. All members present voting aye.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.