

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 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, Ron Bauman, Jim McNutt, Nancy Schietzelt and Frank Harrison

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff: SuzAnne Ehardt, Maryanne Wanaski, Matthew Hansel and Cindy Sassaman

Also Present: Pat Kennedy, Lisa Haderlein, Cindy Skrurud, Sherry Ludwig, Robert Ludwig, Kathleen Schmidt, John Jung, Anna Bicanic Moeller, Julie Richardson, Kim Willis, Mary McCann, John Darger, Peter Austin and other interested public.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Harrison to approve the minutes of April 10, 2008, seconded by Mr. Thompson. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Dreher second by Mr. McNutt to approve the minutes of April 24, 2008. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McNutt to approve the packet of all outstanding subcommittee minutes that were not previously approved. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Directors Comments

The Director's comments were deferred until later in the meeting.

Old Business

Professor Deal from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana spoke about LEAM modeling. He provided a handout for the Commission and reviewed the module scenarios. He would like to provide access to the Commission to solicit comments in order to establish a reference module. Once a reference module is accepted by the Commission, public access will be available through the 2030 website. There will be a deadline for comments, approximately two weeks. Professor Deal logged

onto the website and ran through sample maps and how to manipulate data/variables within the map. He also explained where the comment section is located and where to start a thread.

Mr. Dreher asked what types of comments/questions are wanted. Professor Deal explained that any type of information such as wrong classifications on roads, too much coloring in certain areas, or areas not accurately reflected on the map. Staff will contact Commissioners with the access code to enter the LEAM site. Commissioners requested a digital copy of the PowerPoint presentation given tonight.

The Commission took a break at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Water Resources Draft

Ms. Schietzelt read a statement. She feels Commission is bogged down by questions in the first two chapters. She thought more weight should be given to the subcommittee comments or the review may take more than a year to complete. She requested a procedural discussion as to the approach of the review. Chairman Eldredge stated if the review is not moving faster by midsummer more meetings will be scheduled. Mr. Harrison suggested a Saturday meeting for 4 or 5 hours and a shorter second meeting agenda to focus on the chapter review.

Review began with the Water Resources chapter at 8:10 p.m. on page 16. Changes were made from Commissioner's comments.

The Commission completed the review of the Water Resources Draft Chapter.

New Business

None

Members Comments

Mr. McNutt asked if everyone should independently review the LEAM website. Commissioners should review and make comments on the website and will also be able to discuss those comments if necessary.

Mr. Shaw suggested contacting municipalities for input on LEAM scenarios. Ms. Wanaski reported that the baseline year is 2005. The Commission needs to look at existing use not zoning. Future development will be built into the future scenarios. Municipalities as well as all members of the public will be able to access the LEAM site once a reference module is established. The ability to look/review the LEAM information will be available to everyone in about 2 weeks time.

Julie Richardson mentioned that from 2005-2009 there has been a lot of building that has occurred and municipalities would like to have input on the current existing development to be included in the

baseline of LEAM. She stated that everything impacts the plan and it is important to have the most recent information.

Ms. Ehardt mentioned that she was provided with a copy of the Imagine McHenry County Meeting minutes. She was concerned with the minutes which reflected information that indicated communities were being road blocked to participate in the LEAM process. MCCG mentioned that they wanted modeling with regard to DeKalb County's growth plans, i.e. all development in municipalities only. She said this Commission has always engaged MCCG in the idea that there could be that model and it is inappropriate for anyone to state that any community is being road blocked.

Ms. Ehardt also stated that she was informed that the University has been contacted directly and implied that they were given authority by Planning and Development Department staff to do so. Ms. Ehardt reminded everyone that this is a product that has been contracted by McHenry County for McHenry County and anyone else making contact with the University would be acting inappropriately.

Ms. Moeller of MCCG asked to address these issues and stated that she was the one who contacted Professor Deal. She stated that she did not represent herself as a representative of McHenry County. She asked that the scenario be run as a part of the LEAM analysis. She acted on behalf of MCCG because of the concern that there was no response to a letter sent to the RPC in April. She is looking for confirmation that her requested scenario would be run because of the tight LEAM schedule. Ms. Moeller also stated she was told that if the scenario was run that MCCG would have to pay for it. Ms. Ehardt stated that Mr. Koehler said that MCCG would pay for their own scenario. Ms. Moeller stated if that is the case and MCCG is paying separately that they be responsible for drafting the language that would be submitted as part of the analysis and directly receive the analysis in return. Discussion regarding the appropriateness of contacting Professor Deal occurred. Chairman Eldredge ruled Ms. Moeller out of order. He informed the Commission that the next meeting will begin with a discussion of MCCG and the LEAM process and noted the hostility this evening on the part of Ms. Moller is very unfortunate.

Motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Dreher to adjourn the meeting. All member present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.