

Kane County Regional Planning Commission

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REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Government Center, Building A
4th Floor Conference Room
719 S. Batavia Ave.
Geneva, IL

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2018 (attached)
4. Regional Update
 - a. CMAP Draft ON TO 2050 Plan Overview (Development – Planning Division)
5. Kane County Planning Cooperative Updates – Health & Land Use
 - a. Community Health Assessment Updates (Health Department)
 - b. Fresh & Local Rx Program Updates (Development – Planning Division)
 - c. Grant Announcement (Development – Planning Division)
6. Other Business (as needed)
7. Planning Division Monthly Report (attached)
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

**Minutes of the
Kane County Regional Planning Commission Meeting**

**Kane County Government Center
719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building A
Fourth Floor Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
Geneva, Illinois 60134**

April 11, 2018

The Kane County Regional Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Kane County Government Center, Building A, Fourth Floor Conference Room.

Regional Planning Commissioners in attendance:

Chairman Glenn Morgenroth, Vice Chairman Sue Harney, Commissioners Tom Armstrong, Steve Persinger, Esther Steel

Commissioners absent:

Commissioners Steve Arnold, Joseph Slawek, Ian Lamp, Joe White

Development and Community Services staff attendees:

Planners Janice Hill, Karen Miller, Matt Tansley, Chris Toth

Health Department staff attendees:

N/A

Transportation Division staff attendees:

N/A

Guest Attendees:

N/A

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Morgenroth called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was established with five (5) voting members.

3. Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2018

The January minutes were approved on motion by Harney, seconded by Steel. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. Regional Update

a. Fabulous Fox! Water Trail

Planner Karen Miller updated commissioners on an ongoing initiative with the National Park Service to collect data on access sites, dams, and other segments along the Fox River, though data still needs to be collected from Carpentersville, Elgin, and Batavia. Additionally, Miller updated the commissioners on an effort to work with the 10 conventions and visitor bureaus along the Fox River from Wisconsin to Ottawa. One representative from each state was selected for the core development team. Each CVB will provide \$1500 to a collective fund to create a river corridor. The corridor will include the Fox River Trail but will also cover 10 miles on either side and will focus on various areas such as economic development, and bike and pedestrian trails. To increase benefits of tourism, funding for a graphic design artist, logo, brochures, and maps will be provided in part by the Surface Water Grant received by Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. An anonymous donor donated additional funds for the water trail.

Miller attended the 6th annual Fox River Summit in Burlington, Wisconsin. Overall, 100-150 people were in attendance at the summit. The keynote speaker for this summit was with Huron River Watershed in Michigan, which is a National Park Service designated watershed trail. The Speaker presented on the economic development benefits gained through the watershed trail, and also discussed their efforts in establishing a watershed council whose authority expands beyond the boundaries of the watershed trail. Discussion groups used the afternoon session to discuss the possibility of moving forward with creating watershed council for the Fox River due to the amount of watershed organizations. Moving forward, resolutions and letter of support are being collected from local organizations and businesses. Public outreach is being planned for late summer or early fall. Additionally, information sources, such as cultural and historical resources, are being drafted. Council will also provide recommendations for communities to increase access sites where they are low, or to improve existing access sites.

Chairman Morgenroth asked if any dams were being removed. Miller indicated some IDNR money is potentially available for removal of the Carpentersville dam. Commissioner Steel suggested Batavia also had proposed dam removal.

b. CMAP ON TO 2050 Local Strategy Maps

Planner Matt Tansley provided an update on resources from CMAP and their ON TO 2050 plan. During the October meeting, commissioners were informed of the different plan publications, such as snap shots, strategic papers, and draft executive summaries. Tansley provided an update on new mapping software that CMAP will release with their ON TO 2050 plan. The software was designed for both interaction and map output. Map categories can be paired with CMAP's community snapshot reports. These reports can be generated for any municipality with emphasis on key data like demographic or economic data. Individual communities can use the profiles to update their local plans and CMAP can use to tailor their efforts to meet needs of local municipalities. There will be 20 map categories, each with unique data ranges and level of detail.

With the available GIS data, municipalities/counties can make their own maps and create their own layers, such as combining walkability and transit layers. Tansley provided an overview on the Coordinated Growth Area map. Coordinated Growth Area is where greenfield development, or development on farmland or open space, is occurring. A municipality is categorized within the Coordinated Growth Area if 25% of farmland or open space is within their boundary or 25% is within their 1 ½ mile planning boundary. Most municipalities in Kane fit this profile. An overview of the Flooding Susceptibility Index was provided, which utilizes a number of data sets including flood locations, elevations, topography, and combined sewer service areas. Data for this map came from National Land Cover Database. Tansley closed out discussing a map similar to one presented at the October meeting. However, the new map was updated to include mixed use development categories; areas planned for mixed use development based on municipal plans. This Map was overlapped with the areas indicating the level of infill supported development. Tansley highlighted the benefits of using this data for Kane County's long range planning and land use development map.

Morgenroth noted the CGA and infill as significant parts in planning process and asked if there have been any changes over the years. Tansley noted some changes in corridors as this is the second or third iteration of the Conceptual Land Use Strategy map. Planner Janice Hill clarified that Kane County's Conceptual Land Use Strategy plan is still valid until changed through the next iteration of plan review and updating. Though there's still a need to analyze CMAP's proposed map for consistency with county's plans. Armstrong asked if Geneva had an adopted TOD plan around station area as Elgin has two. The planning staff would look into it.

c. CMAP Open House – Draft ON TO 2050 Plan

Tansley provided an update on the CMAP open house to be held on June 27, 2018 from 4-7 p.m. in the auditorium. Kane County's open house is part of the public unveiling of CMAP's ON TO 2050 plan. The purpose of the open house is to provide the opportunity for public interaction with CMAP staff to learn about ON TO 2050, and to receive public comment and input. Staff worked with various media partners and tools with a goal for the open house to have the best attendance.

d. Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan

Miller discussed the Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan, a collaborative effort with Chicago Wilderness and the Morton Arboretum. Miller is working with the Kane County Forest Preserve District, a substantial landholder, and each county to identify priority core areas in the Remnant Oak Woodlands. For private property, a priority focus has been placed on educating the property owners through various educational resources outlining the value of oaks, and how to maintain or even grow the cores and corridors.

Morgenroth asked if there was any effort to replant oaks. Miller responded that the Forest Preserve District is heavily involved with oak replacement. Harney mentioned Dundee Township planted 1,000 oaks. Furthermore, Miller discussed efforts to educate institutions and private owners that have the ability to plant their own trees. Additionally, Morton Arboretum conducted a canopy cover survey which looked at the percentage of canopy coverage in multiple

counties/municipalities. This information can be used by municipalities to increase the diversity of oaks.

5. Kane County Planning Cooperative Updates – Land Use

a. Draft Elgin Comprehensive Plan Upcoming Review

Planner Tansley noted that Kane County planning staff met with Elgin Development Director Mark Mylott a few months back to preview an early draft of Elgin's next comprehensive plan. The plan is anticipated to be released for public comment sometime during the spring or summer. The planning process for the draft plan began as early as 2013. There have been a series of reports published, including an existing conditions report which is available on the dedicated webpage for Elgin's next comprehensive plan. Tom Armstrong sits on the citizen advisory commission for the draft plan, which submitted their comments on the draft to Houseal Lavigne back in January for consideration in revising the plan. Armstrong was hopeful that there would be a 30-day period for the public to review the draft plan.

Morgenroth mentioned that there are probably communities with boundary agreements approaching their sunset dates. This could leave communities vulnerable to unmanaged development if they have not been diligent about updating their local plans, as Elgin is doing. Hill noted that the planning staff has not reviewed boundary agreements recently but would flag the issue for attention in advance of the county's comprehensive planning work.

Planner Miller asked if any sections of the Elgin draft plan addressed sustainability and climate change. Armstrong noted that it was addressed to an extent and that one whole chapter is dedicated to parks and open space. Elgin also has its own sustainability action plan which is about 75% implemented.

Sue Harney asked if staff would be able to look further into jurisdictional boundary agreements. She was concerned that the agreement between Carpentersville and Algonquin has expired.

b. Mill Creek Watershed Plan

Miller highlighted the Kane County 2040 Plan's call for the development and implementation of watershed plans. The county currently has watershed plans for the Ferson, Otter, Tyler, Jelkes and Black Berry Creeks. CMAP, through its LTA program, will be developing a watershed plan for Mill Creek. This effort will be led by Holly Hudson.

Armstrong mentioned that there is also a watershed plan for Poplar Creek, of which a small portion runs through Kane County. Miller mentioned that these plans are often useful tools in obtaining funding to implement projects within a watershed.

6. Other Business (as needed)

a. Metropolitan Planning Council Guide to Drinking Water

Planner Miller referenced a presentation delivered at a recent Fox Valley Sustainability Network meeting by the Metropolitan Planning Council on their new initiative: Drinking Water 1-2-3. The initiative includes the publication of a guide for local officials to better understand the issues and policies affecting drinking water in their communities. Miller hopes that Danielle with MPC will be able to speak at the upcoming Tyler Creek Watershed meeting on June 9th to share highlights of the new program.

Armstrong noted that the Village of Bartlett has long been a customer of Elgin to meet its water supply needs, but will soon be disconnecting from Elgin in favor of drawing water from the Great Lakes.

7. Planning Division Monthly Report

There were no commissioner questions on items listed in the monthly staff report.

8. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Persinger issued a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Steel. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Kane County Development & Community Services Department

Planning & Special Projects Division Monthly Report – June 2018

In addition to regular on-going activities, the following are highlights of regional land, agriculture and other Planning Division activities of the past month.

Crain's Small Business Fair

Chris Toth attended the 2nd annual Crain's Small Business Fair on May 2nd in Aurora. Multiple agencies, companies, and services were on site to help small business owners find the resources they need to help grow their business. There were also breakout sessions on tax reform, assistance programs, and retirement options for businesses to offer to their employees.

Food Hub Operator Update

Mark VanKerkhoff, Janice Hill and Matt Tansley met with Dream Distributors, the food hub operations team on May 9th to recap the progress of food hub project activities since Kane County partnered with the operator in the fall. The operations team also discussed their equipment purchasing needs for running the food hub, and the process by which the hub could access foundation grant funds that had been awarded for this purpose.

Chicago Wilderness Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan

On May 16th Karen Miller hosted a group of stakeholders to discuss priority oak remnant areas in Kane County.

Food to Market Catalyst – Farm to Cafeteria Event

Matt Tansley and Janice Hill hosted a Farm to Cafeteria Event in partnership with the Illinois Farm to School Network on May 15th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. The event featured presentations and guidance for schools and other institutional food services looking for ways to incorporate more locally grown food items into their meal plans. The event was attended by approximately 25 school food service managers and administrators.

80/20 Business Improvement Seminar

In partnership with IMEC (Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center), on May 23rd Chris Toth hosted a seminar designed to help business owners improve profits for their business. More than a dozen business owners attended this free event to learn a proven method of realizing that 20% of customers provide 80% of business, and how to leverage this knowledge to increase profits.

Fabulous Fox! Wisconsin-Illinois Fox River Water Trail Initiative

As Illinois co-chair of the Core Development Team (CDT), Karen Miller presented to the McHenry County Board on June 5th about the Initiative. Karen also attended the monthly CDT meeting on June 12th to work with the consultant contracted to develop a logo, brochure, downloadable map series, online map portal and maintenance and PowerPoint presentation template.

Fresh & Local Rx Core Team Meetings

Matt Tansley participated in weekly meetings of the Fresh & Local Rx Core Team. The team discussed which produce items would be available for harvest by the time of the first program session. Kane County secured a commitment from Lazarus House of St. Charles to receive unused produce from the program as a donation for their clients.

The Conservation Foundation

On June 6th Karen Miller attended TCF's Spring Membership & Awards Luncheon.

Fox River Ecosystem Partnerships

Karen Miller attended the meeting on June 13th.