

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road – Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098

Minutes of Thursday, October 1, 2009

Tina Hill, Chairman
Randy Donley Mary L. Donner
Sue Draffkorn Marc Munaretto
Lyn Orphal Ersel Schuster

Chairman Hill called the Planning and Development Committee meeting to order at 8:30 am. The following members were present: Tina Hill; Randy Donley; Mary Donner; Sue Draffkorn; Marc Munaretto; Lyn Orphal; and Ersel Schuster. Also in attendance: Planning and Development Department staff members; and Jim Heisler, County Board member.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to approve the regular session minutes of the September 17, 2009 Planning and Development (P&D) Committee meeting. Ms. Schuster asked that a typo be corrected. The minutes approved as corrected with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: *Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision – Kerry Leigh Chicago Wilderness:* Ms. Hill introduced Ms. Leigh to the Committee. Ms. Leigh provided an overview to the Chicago Wilderness Organization and its vision on green infrastructure. This is a regional alliance that strives to connect people and nature. Its work focuses the following four initiatives: Green infrastructure; Leave no child inside; restoring the health of local nature; and climate change. The group is beginning a coordinated effort to implement these four initiatives by working with regional planning agencies and communities to promote the preservation of natural spaces, conservation design and access to nature. The group is funded through volunteer efforts and funding from various foundations and the federal forest service. Chairman Hill thanked Ms. Leigh for the presentation and suggested that this presentation also be made to the Natural and Environmental Resource Committee.

SUBDIVISIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: *Resolution – Amendment 2009 Action Plan – HOME funding Recommendations:* Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn, to recommend the County Board approve a resolution amending the 2009 Action Plan – HOME funding recommendations. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Munaretto, Donner, Schuster, Donley, Orphal, Draffkorn and Hill).

Resolution-Amendment to the 2007 CDBG Funding Recommendations: Mr. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley to recommend the County Board approve a resolution amending the 2007 CDBG Funding Recommendations. After discussion a roll call vote was called. The motion carried with all members present voting aye (Donley, Draffkorn, Orphal, Munaretto, Schuster, Donner and Hill).

2010 Meeting Dates: On a motion by Ms. Orphal, seconded by Mr. Donner, members agreed by a unanimous voice vote to continue to meet on the first and fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for 2010.

Code Enforcement Activity Report: In response to Committee's request, the violations reports for August and September were provided to the Committee. Mr. Hansel reported that there were 92 violations in August and 64 in September. Of those, many have already been resolved. He stated he continues to work with I.T. on creating a more complete inventory list that can be easily updated and tracked. Members asked if there would be a way to

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breakdown violations by townships and also report on current open violations and how long they have been open. Mr. Hansel will see if such a listing will be possible and will report back to the Committee.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE, AS APPLICABLE:

Regional Planning Commission: The RPC has accepted the map and text for the 2030 plan and these documents have been distributed for public review. Public hearings are scheduled for October 9 and 10. The RPC will then meet on October 22 and 29 to further review public comments. It is anticipated that the RPC's last meeting will be on October 29th and the documents will then be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning: None

Community Development Block Grant Commission: As above.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC): None

MISCELLANEOUS: Ms. Hill stated that she has reviewed the 2030 maps and feels the coloring should be changed. Mr. Sandquist responded that the colors used are standard acceptable colors. Mr. Munaretto agreed with Mr. Sandquist and cautioned against any color changes.

Mr. Donley questioned Mr. Sandquist on when the Planning and Development Department would have a computerized permit process. Mr. Sandquist responded that the current system is very limited and does not provide a program to computerize the process. He stated that the Department has made a supplemental budget request to fund such a system which would cost approximately \$250,000. The Department is also working with a vendor to possibly develop a system for the department at a lower cost. Mr. Munaretto added that this supplemental request is high on the priority list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Orphal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donley, to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

Resolution amending the 2009 Action Plan – HOME funding recommendations
Resolution amending the 2007 CDBG Funding Recommendations

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