

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2003**

Chairman Afton Kordenbrock called the meeting of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission to order at 5:45 pm in the first floor conference room of the Commission's offices in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Attendance of the members was as follows.

Chairman Afton Kordenbrock May 2004 X  
Vice Chairman Paul Hahn May 2003 X  
Treasurer Bill Goetz May 2004 X  
Commissioner Billy Bradford May 2003 X  
Commissioner Tom Kriege May 2004 X  
Commissioner Tom Litzler May 2004 X  
Commissioner Lou Noll May 2003 X

Also present were Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP, Executive Director; Marshall D. Slagle, FAICP, Technical Services Coordinator; Trisha Brush, Deputy Director/GIS Administration; Kathy Stephens and Ryan Kent, Associate GIS Specialists; Ralph B. Grieme, Jr., Garry Edmondson, Legal Counsel, and Gail H. Deatherage, Administrative Assistant. .

Commissioner Noll gave the invocation and Chairman Kordenbrock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Chairman Kordenbrock asked if the agenda's contents were acceptable or if anyone had any additions/corrections. Commissioner Hahn made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Commissioner Goetz seconded the motion. Chairman Kordenbrock asked for a voice vote on the motion, which found unanimous approval. The motion passed.

**OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Kordenbrock asked if there were any corrections or changes to the December 11, 2002, minutes. Commissioner Goetz noted that Page 5, Paragraph 4, should state "three" days instead of "two" days. Commissioner Kriege noted that Page 5, Paragraph 1, should state Commissioner Kriege and not Commissioner Litzler made the motion. Commissioner Goetz made a motion to accept the December 11, 2002, minutes as amended; Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Kordenbrock asked for a

voice vote on the motion, which found unanimous approval. The motion passed.

## LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Edmondson noted that in the Jump litigation, a motion for summary judgment to release NKAPC from the suit had been granted in our favor, but that he expected the plaintiff to file an appeal.

Mr. Edmondson gave an update on the SOB meeting with Eric Kelly and Connie Cooper of Duncan Associates, with the Campbell County Fiscal Court held on January 13. The meeting was in preparation for the Campbell County mayor's meeting on January 28.

Mr. Edmondson gave an update on the city of Latonia Lakes and city of Visalia, noting that neither of them have a city council due to no persons running for any office in the recent election. He noted that the status of these cities is uncertain at the present time. Some discussion ensued with regard to the ramifications of this situation with Mr. Edmondson answering some general questions by the commission.

Mr. Edmondson noted there was nothing further to report.

## STAFF'S REPORT

Mr. Gordon noted that Mr. Warneford had resigned recently as zoning administrator and gave some background on the status of the position.

Mr. Gordon noted that Ms. Brush was present to introduce two new staff members. Ms. Brush then introduced Mr. Kent, noting he was a recent graduate of NKU and had served as an intern for the GIS department. He is now a full time Associate GIS Specialist. Mr. Kent gave some brief personal background information and also gave an overview of his work on the Covington brownfields study. He noted that the study was about to be completed. He stated he was pleased to be a member of the NKAPC staff and that he was impressed with the commission and its staff. He answered some general questions from commission members.

Ms. Brush then introduced Ms. Stephens, noting that she graduated from NKU and is a part-time Associate GIS Specialist. She was hired recently from Cinergy. Ms. Stephens gave some brief personal background information and answered some general questions from the commission.

Chairman Kordenbrock welcomed both Mr. Kent and Ms. Stephens to the NKAPC staff and wished them well in their careers at NKAPC.

Mr. Kordenbrock asked that at some future Council meeting an update on the brownfields study for Kenton County be provided.

Mr. Gordon gave an update on the water problem in the basement level of the building. He noted that drywall had been removed from the office where water was detected and a large crack in the foundation was discovered. He noted that staff is working on getting estimates for repair of the foundation, replacement of the drywall in the offices, mold and mildew removed from the carpeting, carpeting cleaned, etc., and that thus far the estimates received for some of the repairs have been \$3500. He noted he is checking into the liability of Mr. Huff and the possibility of his sharing in the cost.

Chairman Kordenbrock expressed concern about mold being found in this part of the building and the possible hazard, if any, to employees.

Mr. Gordon asked legal counsel to check about the seller not disclosing this information before the sale of the building and the "dwell" time on the effect of the sale and disclosure.

Chairman Kordenbrock noted he felt this is a serious situation and that it needs to be corrected quickly. He asked that staff time being devoted to resolving this should be factored in the total cost equation.

Mr. Gordon then passed out the information he had prepared for discussion at the upcoming retreat of the commission members on January 11 at Thomas More College. Mr. Gordon reported that the Council Nominating Committee would be meeting on Monday, January 20 to select the slate for council officers and for commission seats. He noted that Mayor Holocher, Mayor Sadouskas, Tom Vergamini and Mayor Link were members of the nominating committee.

Mr. Gordon noted that he had not talked to legal counsel on a response to the letter from TANK regarding service to the new Erlanger library branch.

Commissioner Noll noted that he had been in a recent meeting and had talked to Mr. Onkst regarding service to the new library. He added some overview on the situation, noting that the new library is utilizing about 50 percent more space than the old library. Some general discussion ensued with regard to looking at other sites for libraries in the south end of the county.

Mr. Gordon noted that he is expecting a report on our phone system from Cincinnati Bell but had not received it at this time.

Mr. Gordon noted that most of his recent efforts have been focused on the upcoming retreat and that he had nothing further to report at the present time, but had left it on the

agenda so it would not fall through the cracks.

Chairman Kordenbrock asked if there were any questions for the Executive Director.

Commissioner Noll expressed concern about the operation of the elevator, noting he felt that it was running way too slow and also was making a grinding noise, which he didn't like the sound. Chairman Kordenbrock instructed staff to have the elevator checked out to assure that it is safe for public use.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Kordenbrock noted that at the December 8 meeting an item to appoint the commission's representatives to the OKI Board of Directors and Executive Committee had been tabled. The tabling was pursued until more information could be obtained in order to clear up any misconceptions, misunderstandings, and rumors surrounding circumstances and issues at OKI.

Chairman Kordenbrock noted that he had asked staff to schedule an appointment with J/E Murgatroyd in early December but due to his busy schedule he had not be able to meet with the Judge until early January. He noted it was his desire to talk to the Judge in order to clear up any problems he may or may not have with Mr. Grieme. He stated that J/E Murgatroyd is outgoing President of OKIRCOG. He then gave some overview of his meeting with the Judge, noting that one of his concerns had been that if Mr. Grieme were reappointed, he (the Judge) would not have a vote. It was learned later that J/E Murgatroyd would have a vote on the Executive Committee. He stated he felt it was a good meeting and had cleared up many rumors, misconceptions and misunderstandings on both their parts.

Chairman Kordenbrock further noted that he has always felt that Mr. Grieme had been a good representative for the NKAPC and that his experience on this commission, his expertise, interest, and knowledge of OKI has benefited NKAPC over the years. He feels that he should be the NKAPC representative on the OKI Executive Committee. He then made a motion to reappoint Mr. Grieme as the NKAPC representative to OKIRCOG Executive Committee and to appoint Mr. Gordon as NKAPC representative on the Board of Directors for the year 2003. Commissioner Noll seconded the motion. Chairman Kordenbrock asked if there were any questions; there were none. He then asked for a roll call vote which found Commissioners Hahn, Goetz, Bradford, Kriege, Litzler, and Noll, and Chairman Kordenbrock in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kordenbrock asked Mr. Grieme to give some brief comments. Mr. Grieme gave an overview of the history of NKAPC's involvement in OKI since the early 1960's. He further clarified how voting works, and noted that he appreciated the Judge's concern

about not having a vote. He then gave an overview on the politics involved and what he feels is a becoming a "negative" environment at OKI. He stated his concerns for the adverse effects this will have on the entire area. Mr. Grieme noted that Mr. Slagle had been involved at OKI for as many years as he had and he also has personal insight to the changes that appear to be going on at OKI. Mr. Slagle expressed his concern about the climate and direction the he feels is being driven at OKI. Mr. Grieme and Mr. Slagle answered some general questions and concerns expressed by the commission.

Chairman Kordenbrock thanked Mr. Grieme for his diligence and hard work on behalf of the NKAPC at the OKI meetings and noted that he expected him to give timely updates to the commission when he felt it was warranted.

## MEMBER'S COMMENTS

There were no member comments.

Chairman Kordenbrock asked if there were any other comments or business to come before the Commission. There being none, he adjourned the meeting with unanimous consent at 6:55 pm.