

**Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2007**

Chairman Bill Goetz called the monthly discussion forum of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission to order at 5:15 PM in the Commission Chambers of the NKAPC Building in Fort Mitchell. Attendance of members was as follows.

	<b>Term</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Chairman Bill Goetz	May 2006 through May 2008	<b>X</b>	
Vice Chairman Tom Kriege	May 2006 through May 2008		<b>X</b>
Treasurer Tom Litzler	May 2006 through May 2008	<b>X</b>	
Commissioner Gloria Grubbs	May 2006 through May 2008	<b>X</b>	
Commissioner Lou Noll	May 2005 through May 2009	<b>X</b>	
Commissioner Dick Spoor	May 2005 through May 2007	<b>X</b>	
Commissioner Gene Weaver	May 2005 through May 2009	<b>X</b>	

Also present were: Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP, Executive Director; Garry Edmondson, Legal Counsel; and, Gail Deatherage, Administrative Assistant.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Chairman Goetz asked for review of the agenda and a motion for acceptance of the agenda. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept the agenda; Commissioner Grubbs seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked for a voice vote on the motion which found unanimous approval. The motion passed.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gordon noted that members had received a compilation of current strengths/weaknesses and future threats/opportunities from 2003-2007 which had been discussed at the Commission's two retreats (copy attached to the Original Minutes). Some discussion ensued with regard to various items on the lists. Chairman Goetz stated he felt that possibly adding electrical inspection resistance to the list might be in order. Mr. Gordon responded he would add it to the Threats listing and noted that the issue was covered under One Stop Shop on the Opportunities list. There were no other comments. Chairman Goetz asked for an update each year and Mr. Gordon noted he would do this.

**ONGOING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Goetz asked if the Minutes of the March 28, 2007, meeting were acceptable or if anyone had any additions/corrections. Commissioner Litzler made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented; Commissioner Grubbs seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked for a roll call vote which found Commissioners Litzler, Grubbs, Spoor, Weaver, Noll, and Chairman Goetz in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Goetz asked for a report from legal counsel. Mr. Edmondson reported there was nothing new to report. There were no questions.

Mr. Gordon reported that he has begun working on FY08 work program and budget and would be prepared to present the draft documents during the next meeting.

He stated he will be meeting with Commissioner Spoor soon to go over the Commission's investment policy and would report back to the Commission members at a future meeting.

Mr. Gordon noted that staff is looking into new time-keeping/billing software that will be more detailed and user friendly for One Stop Shop jurisdictions. He provided a brief overview on the progress of this search, noting that to date they have not been able to find anything.

Mr. Gordon stated that the LINK-GIS visioning workshop conducted by ESRI had been a huge success. He noted that ESRI will provide a report to staff in approximately 45 days and that he would provide a copy to the Commission for its information.

Mr. Gordon gave an update on staff's meeting with representatives of the Division of Water (DOW) regarding floodplain management for One Stop Shop jurisdictions. He noted that DOW representatives were very pleased to have NKAPC's cooperation for this program and gave some further information on the meeting.

Mr. Gordon noted he was pleased to announce that all seven jurisdictions have signed on to the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board and that five of the seven have made their appointments to the board. Some discussion ensued on how the Board will function.

Mr. Gordon noted that at the last meeting some discussion was pursued regarding a proposal to determine that "telecommunication facilities" are no longer to be considered public facilities of area-wide significance under KRS 147.680, given the General Assembly's enactment of comprehensive regulations for "cellular antenna towers" in KRS 100.985 through 100.987. He stated that a motion at the last meeting to that effect had been withdrawn due to the absence of Commissioners Noll and Grubbs and the fact that Commissioner Noll felt strongly that the Commission should continue to hold hearings.

Commissioner Noll stated that he appreciated the fact that a vote on this issue was delayed until he could be present. He stated he did feel strongly that the Commission should continue to hold public hearings on cell tower applications as he felt that the general public could express their views and felt that their voice was being heard. Commissioner Noll also stated that although he felt strongly about this issue, he would vote with the majority.

Commissioner Weaver noted he understood Commissioner Noll's feelings, but that he felt it was a redundancy and an unnecessary burden and expense for the applicant, public, and staff to have to attend two hearings. He noted he felt the Commission could depend on staff bringing these issues to Commission members as necessary and that the Commission could determine whether it wanted to provide a recommendation to the Kenton County Planning Commission.

After some further discussion, Commissioner Grubbs made a motion to determine that "telecommunication facilities" no longer to be considered public facilities of area-wide significance under KRS 147.680, given the General Assembly's enactment of comprehensive regulations for "cellular antenna towers" in KRS 100.985 through 100.987; Commissioner Spoor seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked if there were any questions; there were none. He then asked for a roll call vote which found Commissioners Grubbs, Spoor, Noll, Weaver, Litzler, and Chairman Goetz in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Goetz asked for reports or comments from committees or individual members.

Commissioner Grubbs noted that she was grateful to the Commission for holding off taking action on the cell tower issue and felt privileged to be on the NKAPC.

There were no other Commission member comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Noll stated he would like to recommend that the Commission's travel policy for Commission members be changed to from \$3,000 to \$4000 per term and noted he felt that increasing costs for attending conferences warranted a change in the amount budgeted for members travel. After some discussion, he made a motion to increase the amount for Commission travel expenses from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per term in office.

Chairman Goetz noted he felt that this is something the By-Laws, Personnel Policies and Procedures Committee should look into and asked Commissioner Grubbs to put this on their agenda. Some further discussion ensued regarding future travel and possible options. Commissioner Noll withdrew his motion from the floor pending review and action by the committee.

Chairman Goetz asked if there were any other comments or business to come before the Commission. There being no further business, he adjourned the meeting with unanimous consent at 6:10 PM.

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Bill Goetz, Chairman

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Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP  
Executive Director/Secretary