

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 26, 2002**

Mr. Kordenbrock, Chair of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, with all members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Afton H. Kordenbrock, Chair
Mr. Paul Hahn, Vice Chair
Mr. Bill Goetz, Treasurer
Mr. Billy Bradford
Mr. Tom Kriege
Mr. Tom Litzler
Mr. Lou Noll

LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

Mr. Garry Edmondson

NKAPC STAFF PRESENT

Mr. William W. Bowdy, FAICP, Executive Director
Mr. Marshall Slagle, FAICP, Technical Services Coordinator
Ms. Gail H. Deatherage, Executive Secretary

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Kordenbrock asked if the agenda was acceptable or if anyone had any additions/corrections. Mr. Hahn made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Goetz seconded the motion. Mr. Kordenbrock asked for a voice vote on the motion which found unanimous approval; motion passed.

2002-2003 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that the Area Planning Council had approved the 2002-2003 Recommended Budget and Work Program at their meeting on June 24, 2002, and noted that the NKAPC would now need to adopt the 2002-2003 Recommended Budget and Work Program.

Mr. Goetz made a motion to adopt the 2002-2003 Recommended Budget and Work Program; Mr. Bradford seconded the motion. Mr. Kordenbrock asked if there were any questions; there were none. He asked for a roll call vote which found Mr. Hahn, Mr. Goetz, Mr. Bradford, Mr. Kriege, Mr. Litzler, Mr. Noll, and Mr. Kordenbrock in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Kordenbrock asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Minutes of June 12, 2002. Mr. Goetz made a motion to accept the Minutes of June 12, 2002; Mr. Noll seconded the motion. Mr. Kordenbrock asked for a voice vote on the motion which found unanimous approval; motion passed. Mr. Kordenbrock did not vote.

Mr. Kordenbrock asked if there were any corrections or changes to the Special Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2002.

Mr. Noll questioned the wording of the motion, stating he thought the motion was to include that the NKAPC would take access to the center pod upon closing. Mr. Litzler noted he felt the motion was correct as worded. After some discussion, it was determined that the wording was correct. Mr. Noll questioned the language regarding the sign. After some discussion, Mr. Edmondson recommended amending the wording to include: "... That in the event Mr. Huff vacates the building, and if the Planning Commission so desires, that the pole sign be removed at Mr. Huff's expense."

Mr. Goetz made a motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2002, with amendments; Mr. Bradford seconded the motion. Mr. Kordenbrock asked for a roll call vote on the motion which found Mr. Hahn, Mr. Goetz, Mr. Bradford, Mr. Kriege, Mr. Litzler, Mr. Noll and Mr. Kordenbrock; the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that that the Financial Status Report for May 2002 has been received by members and asked if anyone had any questions regarding the report. Mr. Kordenbrock asked for clarification of end-of-year revenues vs. expenses and Mr. Bowdy clarified and answered some general questions.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Mr. Edmondson noted there was nothing new to report in litigations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bowdy noted that he had no report.

Mr. Kordenbrock asked if there were any questions for Mr. Bowdy; there were none.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that the Area Planning Council dinner meeting had been well attended and that he felt the program was interesting and informative.

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that he had talked to Council President John Link with regard to raising the tax rate and that President Link had encouraged the Planning Commission to proceed in raising the tax rate. Mr. Kordenbrock noted that it was his recommendation to the commission to raise the 2002-2003 tax rate by one cent.

Some discussion ensued with regard to various members' concern of any possible backlash when raising taxes, the ramifications of doing so, the amount of monies raised, how the monies will be used, etc., and the pros and cons of proceeding in this direction.

Mr. Noll asked about the timing of getting this on the ballot, according to state statutes and Mr. Edmondson noted he would check on the timetable and report back to the commission.

Some discussion ensued regarding the Campbell County contracts verses expenses and Mr. Hahn asked if Mr. Bowdy could provide an update on whether what we are charging the cities in Campbell County are covering our expenses.

Mr. Litzler asked if Mr. Bowdy could provide a breakdown of the operating expenses vs. how the monies would be used with the tax increase. Mr. Bowdy noted he would provide this information.

Mr. Kordenbrock expressed concern about the rising healthcare costs, increase in salaries in order to remain competitive, and the affect of this on the budget in the future.

Mr. Edmondson cautioned that this may not be a good year in order to raise the tax rate, as there are already four other tax increases being considered.

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that the first meeting in August would be set to discuss the operating budget, benefits, etc., after Mr. Bowdy has given the commission the information they have requested.

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that the 2002 APA Regional Planning Conference would be held

at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center on September 11-13. Mr. Slagle noted this was the joint three state conference, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, and gave some further brief information on speakers, etc.

Mr. Kordenbrock reminded of the Kentucky GIAC Conference being held at the Drawbridge on August 13-15, 2002.

MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Litzler noted that a special meeting of the commission would be held on Thursday, June 27 at 10:00 am to meet with Mr. Huff to further discuss purchase of the building.

Mr. Kordenbrock then asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of property, pursuant to KRS 61.810(c). Mr. Hahn made a motion to go into Executive Session; Mr. Noll seconded the motion. The commission went into Executive Session by unanimous consent at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Goetz moved that the commission come out of Executive Session; motion seconded by Mr. Hahn. The commission came out of Executive Session by unanimous consent at 6:54 p.m.

Mr. Kordenbrock noted that during the Executive Session the commission discussed property acquisition and that no action was taken.

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