Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2008

Chairman Bill Goetz called the monthly discussion forum of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission to order at 4:30 PM in the Commission Chambers of the NKAPC Building in Fort Mitchell. Attendance of members was as follows.

	Term	Present	Absent
Chairman Bill Goetz	May 2006 through May 2008	Х	
Vice Chairman Tom Kriege	May 2006 through May 2008	Х	
Treasurer Tom Litzler	May 2006 through May 2008	X	
Commissioner Gloria Grubbs	May 2006 through May 2008	Х	
Commissioner Lou Noll	May 2007 through May 2009	Х	
Commissioner Billy Bradford	May 2007 through May 2009	X	
Commissioner Gene Weaver	May 2007 through May 2009	X	

Also present were: John Walker, Van Gorder Walker; Jan Crabb, Fiscal Assistant/Human Resource Administrator; Garry Edmondson, Legal Counsel; Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP, Executive Director; and, Gail Deatherage, Administrative Assistant.

Commissioner Noll gave the invocation.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Chairman Goetz asked for review of the agenda and a motion for acceptance. He noted he would like to move under New Business, Item #10 to Item #4, Initial Audit Report. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept the agenda as recommended; Commissioner Grubbs seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked for a voice vote on the motion which found unanimous approval. The motion passed.

Chairman Goetz welcomed Mr. Walker, auditor from the firm of Van Gorder Walker. Mr. Walker noted that members had received a copy of the draft of the NKAPC Financial Statements and proceeded to give some general background on the audit report, financial picture, and noted that NKAPC is in good financial condition. Mr. Walker then answered some general questions from the members. Chairman Goetz thanked Mr. Walker for the update on the audit and financial report.

Mr. Gordon noted that he had given members a list of proposed discussion topics 2008 Retreat to be held on February 2 for their consideration. He went over each recommended topics and explained in brief detail his reasons for having them on the agenda. Chairman Goetz added the review process of executive director performance to the list. No other suggestions for the list were made.

Chairman Goetz asked if the Minutes of December 12, 2007, business meeting were acceptable or if anyone had any additions/corrections. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented; Commissioner Kriege seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked for a roll call vote which

found Commissioners Weaver, Kriege, Noll, Grubbs, Litzler, Bradford, and Chairman Goetz in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Goetz noted members had received copies of the November 2007 Financial Report (attached to the original Minutes). Mr. Gordon explained various line items for Commission members' information and answered some general questions. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to accept the October 2007 financial report as presented for audit; Commissioner Bradford 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 Weaver, Bradford, Grubbs, Kriege, Litzler, Noll, and Chairman Goetz in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Goetz asked for a report from legal counsel. Mr. Edmondson noted that a mid-April trial date had been set in the Cloyd vs. NKAPC litigation. He also noted that the Local Governmental Academy begins in April and will meet on Mondays for 12 weeks.

Mr. Gordon noted that more complete information would be available at the next meeting for open enrollment for CY08 Anthem health insurance, and then gave some general information on staff participation in the health insurance program.

Mr. Gordon noted that members had received a copy of the comments from the Kenton County Planning Commission (KCPC) members (a copy attached to the original Minutes) who had participated in the four dinner meetings he and staff had arranged in order for the members to share their concerns, insights, and offer ways of improving communication with staff, meeting information, etc. He gave some highlights of the meetings and staffs comments and actions to the information from these meetings. He also shared information on retiring Elsmere appointment, Mr. Al Hadley, and Mr. Hadley's "incentive" to members who attend 100 percent of the KCPC meetings.

Mr. Gordon reminded members that the APA Conference will be held in Las Vegas, noting this is the 100th national planning conference and asked members to let staff know if they plan to attend.

Chairman Goetz asked if there were any questions for Mr. Gordon; there were none.

Chairman Goetz asked for comments and reports from members.

Commissioner Grubbs noted she is most anxious to start work on the "Wall of Fame" and will be meeting with Mr. Gordon to get the ball rolling. She suggested that the Wall of Fame be added as a discussion topic for the retreat.

Commissioner Noll noted that the long range planning committee had met and had reviewed with staff various projects for FY07-08 and then gave some brief overview of some of the projects discussed. He also noted that the MGLNK dinner meeting is Thursday, January 17 at 5:00 pm.

Commissioner Litzler noted that he and his wife had visited Helen, GA recently and stated it was a very interesting city and briefly explained how it had grown and was very carefully planned.

Commissioner Kriege noted the progress with meeting Mr. Engle on the _____ position.

Chairman Goetz reminded of the Area Planning Council winter dinner meeting on January 30 at Twin Oaks and that Commissioners Grubbs, Litzler, Kriege and Goetz were up for re-election. Commissioner Grubbs noted that she would advise staff if she plans to run for re-election. All other commissioners expressed desire to run for re-election.

Chairman Goetz noted that members had received a copy of the proposed calendar year 2008 meeting schedule and asked for a motion to accept the meeting schedule as recommended. (A copy is attached to the original Minutes). Commissioner Kriege made a motion to accept the schedule as submitted; Commission Bradford seconded the motion. Chairman Goetz asked if there were any questions; there were none. He then asked for a voice vote which found unanimous approval.

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 5:40 PM.

Bill Goetz, Chairman

Dennis Andrew Gordon, FAICP Executive Director/Secretary