

Route 120 Corridor Planning Council Meeting Minutes 1/11/06

The meeting was held at the Village of Round Lake's Police and Public Works Facility located at 741 and 751 W. Townline Road, Round Lake, IL 60073

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Call to order:

The Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Young at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

County Board Members

Chairman Suzi Schmidt – present, Larry Leafblad – present,
Sandy Cole – present, Bonnie Thomson Carter – present,
Diana O'Kelly - present

Municipalities

Grayslake Mayor Tim Perry - present
Volo Mayor Burnell Russell - absent
Round Lake Park Mayor Ila Bauer - present
Hainesville Mayor Ted Mueller - present
Waukegan Mayor Richard Hyde - absent
Round Lake Mayor Gentes – present
Wauconda Mayor Salvatore Saccomanno - present
Mundelein Trustee Ed Sullivan - present
Gurnee Mayor Kristina Kovarik - present
Libertyville Mayor Jeffrey Harger – absent

Others Present

Dave Young, President of Lake County Partners
Marty Buehler, Director of the Lake County Division of Transportation

II. Welcome and Introductions – Dave Young

Motion: To change the order of the agenda by moving Public Comment towards the end of the agenda to become item number 7.

Motion By: Mayor Mueller

Seconded By: Co. Bd. Chairman Schmidt

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Dave Young gave a brief background stating that on September 15, 2005 there was a transportation summit that was convened by the Lake Co. Board, the Lake Co. Transportation Management Association, the College of Lake County and Lake County Partners with the purpose of developing a consensus agenda. There were 4 priority projects identified at the summit; the Route 120 re-alignment was the only regional planning project. Out of 125 votes, 86 voters *strongly agreed* and 15 voters *agreed* that 120 was a high priority regional planning project.

He said that the purpose of the meeting tonight is to begin the process of looking at the realignment of 120.

III. Introduce, Discuss and Adopt “draft” Route 120 Corridor Planning Council Organizational Structure and Program of Work – Dave Young

Mr. Young stated that this draft concept paper was presented to each member along with a request of a resolution of support. It establishes the purpose of the Corridor Planning Council – “identify the transportation needs in the existing Route 120 corridor and study of alternatives to meet that need, including the development of a major arterial or limited access parkway. The study should comply with the requirements of a traditional “pre-phase 1” feasibility study and identify planning and development issues that would affect the preparation of an environmental impact statement required by law.” This feasibility study should use a contact sensitive solution “approach.” He then laid out the CPC’s structure as follows:

- The Governance Board where a member is designated by each members’ respective communities as a representative. There are 10 mayors at this time, the goal is 12 mayors. There are 5 County Board members.
- The Steering Council is directly below the Governance Board, to be comprised of the chairman from the 4 task forces and an IDOT representative.
- Four Task Forces
 - Land Use, Economic Development & Governmental Impacts Task Force
 - Technical Issues Task Force
 - Environmental/Stormwater Issues Task Force
 - Public Information Task Force

Motion: To adopt the “draft” Route 120 Corridor Planning Council Organizational Structure and Program of Work.

Motion By: Mayor Kovarik

Seconded By: Mayor Mueller

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

IV. Introduce, discuss, approve CPC’s “draft” By-Laws – Dave Young

Mr. Young stated that the draft By-Laws may require more work and suggested that the By-Laws be approved conditionally to allow the election of the officers, with the understanding that all the parties involved will have until the March 8 meeting to review and comment on them. On March 8, the by-laws will be introduced, discussed and formally approved.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter asked who would be approving the By-Laws.

Mr. Young recommended that all parties have their attorney review them so they are prepared to discuss and vote on them on March 8.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter requested that the By-Laws be amended to allow the Co.Bd. Chair to be included in order to allow her to vote.

Mayor Bauer asked about allowing an alternate to vote.

Mundelein Trustee Sullivan also stated that the resolution that was approved by his village, indicated that the Mayor’s proxy would be allowed to vote since a trustee is a dully appointed official.

The Chair and Mr. Young concurred to amend the By-Laws as proposed.

Motion: To approve the By-Laws as amended and authorize the staff to work with the members of the Governance Board to incorporate any and all changes they have pursuant to further review and present those to the Governance Board for final discussion and approval at the March Meeting.

Motion By: Mayor Bauer

Seconded By: Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter

Discussion: Co.Bd. Mbr. Leafblad apologized that he did not check his email and did not have the By-Laws for review.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Cole also said that she did not receive anything in the email.

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

V. Nominate and Elect CPC's Officers – Dave Young

Motion: To nominate and elect officers of the Governance Board

- Chair – Mayor Bill Gentes
- Vice-Chair - Co. Bd. Member Diana O'Kelly
- Treasurer – Mayor Tim Perry

Motion By: Mayor Mueller

Seconded By: Mayor Bauer

Discussion: Trustee Sullivan asked about having an official secretary needed for document signing to attest signatures. Mayor Gentes indicated that Ancel, Glink, Attorneys at Law, have committed 35 hours of pro-bono legal assistance to the CPC; he will ask them their opinion on this question and to review the By-Laws.

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

VI. Chair's Comments

The Chair thanked the Governance Board for his nomination and for their confidence in him. The Chair said that in past conversations with Mayor Perry, Co.Bd. Chair Schmidt, and Dave Young, he realized three re-occurring topics:

1. Consensus – with 10 municipalities and 5 Co. Bd. Members with the commitment to see the project go forward since it will be a long process.
2. East-West Transportation Solution – He clarified that this is not about Route 53, but about the 120 Bypass.
3. Optimism – Optimism is needed to get the traffic improvement done. This County desperately needs this improvement.

He summarized by saying that there are a lot of ideas regarding the Bypass and that all those ideas need to be considered.

VII. Public Comment

Susan Zingle thanked the board for placing Public Comment on the agenda and requested that Public Comment be moved back to the beginning.

Bill Holleman of Lake Villa, requested that Public Comment be kept after action items. He also asked if the draft documents could be made available to the public.

Mr. Young replied that the documents will be placed on the Lake Co. Partners website: lakecopartners.com.

The Chair added that one of the committees is a Public Information Task Force and the intention is to create a website to post all such documents including agendas and the like.

George Ranney of Prairie Holdings Corporation asked about the By-Laws' reference to the potential character of the Route 120 by-pass on pages 1 and 4 – provide for Level of Service "B" Operations into the year 2030 – and indicated he thought that the purpose of the CPC was to determine the Level of Service. He thought that it was important that the Council consider including this language in the By-laws as part of their review process for the March 8 meeting.

The Chair stated that one of the important tasks was the committee structure in order to obtain the best consensus.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter asked Mr. Ranney if he had an idea in mind. Mr. Ranney replied saying that the sentence on pages 1 & 4 should indicate - "to provide for an *acceptable*" level of service" into the year 2030.

Evan Craig of the Sierra Club, asked about the wording “pre-phase I feasibility study” as mentioned on page 1 of the draft Purpose/Structure/Function and “to identify planning and development issues that would affect the preparation of and environmental impact statement required by law” – what is the technical meaning of “pre-phase 1”, what are the requirements and how does this organization meet those requirements?

The Chair asked Marty Buehler, Director of the Lake Co. Transp. Dept. if he could give an explanation.

Mr. Buehler stated that there is no definition for “a pre-Phase 1 feasibility study.” It is material that would be usable for a phase 1 study with consideration of a lot of factors.

Mr. Craig asked if there is anything binding of the group, and what is the official capacity, what is the charge and responsibility?

The Chair answered saying that the goal of the CPC is to come up with something that can be presented to the legislators to get the 120 Bypass built. The methodology to be used is to create a presentation that can be used by IDOT when funding is achieved. Diane O’Keefe from IDOT suggested the pre-phase 1 study. He further explained that in theory, this purpose of the CPC is for ironing out the logistical hurdles.

Mr. Craig also asked about the environmental impact statement required by law, and whether the public comment will be included in that statement.

Mr. Craig asked if professionals would be part of the Governance Board such as an environmental professional.

The Chair replied that there are 5 committees with 4 other committees to be comprised of professionals.

VIII.Appoint Task Force Chairs - Chair

- **Land Use, Economic Development & Governmental Impacts Task Force**
Dennis Sandquist, Deputy Director of the Lake County Planning and Development
- **Technical Issues Task Force**
Marty Buehler, Head of the Lake County Transportation
- **Environmental/Stormwater Issues Task Force**
No Chair currently
- **Public Information Task Force**
Debbie Fliehman, President and Owner of Creative Technical Resources

Motion: To appoint Chairs of Task Force and authorize them to convene their Task Groups to implement approved Program of Work.

Motion By: Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter

Seconded By: Mayor Mueller

Discussion: Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter asked if Mike Warner from the Lake County Stormwater Management has been approached and stated that she supports that nomination.

Mr. Young replied that they have not had an opportunity to approach him, but he is who they have in mind for the Chair of the Environmental/Stormwater Issues Task Force Committee.

The Chair also added that each chair of these committees would be part of the Steering Committee.

Trustee Sullivan asked if any members of the Governance Board would be part of any of these committees.

The Chair answered that the members of these committees would be professionals only.

The Chair also stated that the chairs of each of these committees would be on the Steering Committee with a member of IDOT. The Steering Committee would present their reports and studies to the Governance Board for evaluation of the alternatives.

Mr. Young added it is our intent to have each participating governmental entity appoint at least one of its professionals and/or retained staff (consultant) to any of these task forces. He also invited the members of the public who are professionals to participate. The idea is to establish task forces with 5-6 members to each.

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

IX. Select the CPC's Fiscal Agent – Chair

Motion: To approve selection of LCDOT as CPC's Fiscal Agent

Motion By: Mayor Bauer

Seconded By: Co. Bd. Mbr. O'Kelly

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

X. Select Staff Entity - Chair

Motion: To approve selection of LCP as CPC's Staff entity

Motion By: Co. Bd. Chair Schmidt

Seconded By: Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter

Discussion: none

Motion Passed: All in favor, none opposed.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - none at this time.

XII. NEW BUSINESS - none at this time.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Co. Chairman Schmidt said that she was the one who suggested that Public Comment for this agenda be placed at the beginning. She explained that it should be at the beginning for items not on the agenda and another Public Comment should also be at the end to allow comments on items on the agenda.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Leafblad stated that he is in favor of the same.

Mayor Mueller concurred saying that as long as the Chair is in control since in his experience, Public Comment can get out of control with the same individuals commenting on the same subject repetitively.

Co. Bd. Chairman Schmidt said that a time limit should be considered.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Thomson Carter added that a lot of valuable comments from the public could assist with this endeavor and suggested a time limit without too much dialogue back and forth.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Cole suggested that the Lake Co. Partners website provide a sign-in sheet for folks to fill out on the website in order to inform the Chair of their interest on any agenda item prior to a meeting.

Trustee Sullivan agreed saying that it would be advantageous to obtain comments from the public prior to meetings.

Co. Bd. Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Young to add each member's emails on the Lake Co. Partner's Website.

Mr. Young agreed to place either a link to each community's website or a listing of each Governance County Board Members' emails.

Mr. Ranney asked about a timetable.

Mr. Young replied saying that it would be driven by the approval of the grant from the Illinois Tomorrow Corridor Planning Grant Program. Once the grant is approved and we know when the money will flow, a schedule will be established. He also said that he believes that the approval date could be July 1, 2006.

XIII.ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

MOTION BY: Mayor Mueller

SECOND BY: Trustee Sullivan

DISCUSSION: Mr. Young stated that there is a schedule of meetings available for all. He also mentioned that at the next meeting of March 8 the intention is to have the task forces convened, appointed and working in developing their scopes and plans.

Co. Bd. Mbr. Leafblad asked if the starting time of meetings can be changed to 6:00 or 6:30.

The Board concurred to change the meeting start time to 6:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:

Martha Koechig, Recording Secretary

Approved:

Bill Gentes, Chairman