

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECESS MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

A recess meeting was held in the Stephenson County Board Room on the above date with Mr. Parker, the Vice-Chairman, presiding. The meeting was recalled to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Parker, Ms. Devine, Mr. Koch, Mr. Newton, Mr. Graham, Mr. Mikkelsen and Ms. S. Hooper. County Board Chairman Blum was also present.

The County Administrator explained that the Enterprise Zone Committee has adopted its annual budget. The EZ Budget needs to be presented, for approval, to the four governing units of government. Copies of the budget were not available for distribution, during the regular meeting, but were distributed now and reviewed. There was a discussion of the EZ expense line for marketing. Mr. Graham noted that County projects generate nearly 90% of the EZ revenue budget. On a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Committee recommended acceptance of the Enterprise Zone budget.

The County Administrator explained that during its regular meeting, the Committee recommended that the County Board approve the Enterprise Zone expansion to accommodate another electrical substation for the EcoGrove project. At that time, additional documents (Resolution and Ordinance) were distributed, which were purported to be for HB Plastic. However, the second set was also for the EcoGrove substation. The HB Plastics Ordinance and Resolution were distributed. Chairman Blum explained that part of the HB Plastic site was already in the Enterprise Zone and this expansion is designed to include the missing portion. On a motion by Mr. Koch, seconded by Mr. Graham, the Committee recommended approval of the Enterprise Zone expansion for inclusion of the entire HB Plastic site.

The latest revision of the proposed agreement with R. Skurla Associates Development, Inc. was distributed and reviewed. There was a discussion on how extraordinary expenses would be approved. Mr. Mikkelsen noted that Mr. Skurla has already agreed with these terms. Chairman Blum identified several projects that are pending for Mill Race Crossing. These projects will all need redevelopment agreements. It is not certain that the interim NIDA Director has the necessary knowledge and skills, to create these redevelopment agreements. On a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Newton, the Committee recommended approval of the Agreement with R. Skurla Associates Development, Inc.; the voice vote was 5 to 2. Chairman Blum asked for an explanation of the negative votes. Mr. Koch explained that it was his understanding that the NIDA staff has the necessary skills to meet all of the County's economic development needs. He might vote "yes" on Wednesday, if NIDA does not confirm its resources. Ms. DeVine said that she agreed with Mr. Koch's comments.

The Committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Newton.

Approved: June 2, 2008

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Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:  
Monday, June 2, 2008 7:00 p.m.  
Stephenson County Board Room