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Environment and Natural Resources Committee

DRAFT Minutes

January 7, 2009 —9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Ingrid Danler – Fox Waterway Agency, Joe Schuessler – Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Patty Werner - Lake County SMC (by phone), Karla Kramer – US Fish and Wildlife Service (by phone), Wally Van Buren – Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, Lenore Beyer-Clow – Openlands, John Rogner (alternate) – Chicago Wilderness, Mel Nickerson – Environmental Law & Policy Center, Kama Dobbs – DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg, Ken Anderson – Kane County, Amy Walkenbach – Illinois EPA

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Jill Leery, Megan Elberts, Jesse Elam, Kristin Heery

Others Present: Paul Heltne – Center for Humans and Nature, Drew Carhart and Debra Norvil – Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting

1.0 Call to Order

Vice-Chair Ingrid Danler called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Jesse announced that the meeting would move from the Cook Room to the DuPage Room at 10:30 am for the strategy panel part of the meeting. Ingrid moved agenda items 7 – 10 before the strategy panel.

3.0 Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2008

The minutes were approved without changes.

4.0 Coordinating Committees Update

Lenore reported on the December meeting of the Programming Committee, which reviewed the Urban Land Institute's recommendations for the Developments of Regional Importance (DRI) process and on the comments received from stakeholders on the Programming Committee's proposed process.

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5.0 Presentation on Light Pollution

The Illinois Coalition for Responsible Outdoor Lighting made a presentation on light pollution, the upshot of which is that CMAP should consider light pollution, particularly from the standpoint of energy savings and greenhouse gas reduction, in the *GO TO 2040* plan. It was also noted that certain negative impacts to plants and animals could be expected by increased nighttime illumination. Another member argued that municipalities and others would like to reduce unnecessary light use, and had sufficient information to do so, but typically find that the payback period is too long to justify retrofits. A better opportunity would be policies to encourage more efficient lighting at the design stage or to look at energy efficiency when lighting is replaced – e.g., street lights. Another member suggested that region-wide goals could be set in the Plan. Lighting requirements for traffic safety were also mentioned, with a question about whether the Coalition had approached IDOT. John Rogner made a motion to include light pollution reduction as an aspect of the Plan; seconded and carried.

6.0 Open Space Preservation Strategy Panel Meeting

Comments and responses from the strategy panel can be found [here](#).

7.0 Discussion Items/Follow Up for Future Meetings

No discussion.

8.0 Other Business

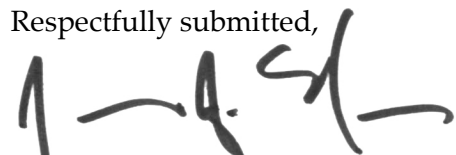
None.

9.0 Public Comment

Paul Heltne

10.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Jesse Elam
CMAP staff liaison