KENDALL COUNTY AD HOC ZONING
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 2014
7:30am –9:00am
Kendall County Hoover Forest Preserve
11285 West Fox Road
Yorkville, Illinois 60560

Present: Larry Nelson (Chairman) & Jeff Wehrli
Members absent: Elizabeth Flowers, Bill Ashton & Scott Gryder
Others present: Mike Hoffman from Teska Associates, Planning & Zoning Manager Angela Zubko, County Administrator Jeff Wilkins, Dan Koukol, Budd Wormley, Ken Hostert, Tom Gilmour, Harold Oliver, Matt Blocker, Art Zwemke, Angelo Kleronomos and Richard Artman.

Chairman Larry Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Mr. Nelson introduced Planner Zubko and Mike Hoffman. Planner Zubko thanked everyone for coming and gave a brief overview of why we are all here. Mike Hoffman introduced himself and we went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and shared where they did or currently work. Mr. Hoffman did a powerpoint presentation on the current residential development process in Kendall County, the regional trends and then opened it up to what everyone thought the future held. The following are bullet points that were pointed out:

- National Homebuilders are 2/3 of the market and are not really building west of Route 59. The “Drive to Qualify” market that fueled a lot of past growth in the County is gone.
- Metra service within the County could help to increase housing demand
- The Prairie Parkway would have helped a lot and hopefully it’s not a dead project
- The trend is less people working at home
- Eldamain Road was discussed as a north/south roadway but still will not connect I-88 to I-80
- ‘FISH’ First In Still Here is a saying in the development community these days. It used to be buyers would move in, then move-up to a larger home using the equity from their existing home. However, that move-up market has declined significantly as home values have declined.
- Taxes are too high- need to talk to the school districts and possibly the assessor. Used to be property taxes were low and perceived school quality was high. That has changed.
- Need better technology- fiber optic and would help a lot. Has potential for availability in the eastern part of the County within 3 years.
Need more jobs and infrastructure here in Kendall County. Focus should be on those items and less on residential development for the next few years.

More density

The Millennial’s want to get away on the weekends so they are not necessarily interested in larger rural lots and farms that require time to maintain

Smaller lots for less work

Hard to finance

The 3 T’s: Technology, Transportation & Taxes, along with jobs should be the focus.

Everyone working together instead of competing, countywide economic development should be the focus. Possibly a Kendall County EDC?

Economic development efforts should focus on the County’s strengths including high incomes, quality of life, and a well educated work force.

Nicor has been active in updating, and in some cases expanding, their service within Kendall County

Mike Hoffman and Planner Zubko thanked everyone for attending.

Adjournment:
The next meeting will be December 3, 2014. Jeff Wehrli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela L. Zubko
Planning & Zoning Manager