



COUNTY OF ERIE

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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

September 10, 2009

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 10, 2009 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

| ECPC members: | Representing: |
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| Gerry Dahl | Corry City (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board) |
| Carol Loll | County Council (Exec. Board) |
| Jan Cornwell | County of Erie (Exec. Board) |
| Eric Legenzoff | Elk Creek Township (Exec. Board) |
| Charles Casey | Erie City (Exec. Board) |
| Joseph Legnasky | Lake City Borough (Exec. Board) |
| Laura Breon | Waterford Borough (Exec. Board) |
| Paul Pangratz | Girard Township |
| Patricia Pfadt | Venango Township |
| Tom Coffin | Waterford Township |
| Planning Department Staff: | |
| Jake Welsh | |
| John McGranor | |
| Guests: | |
| Alan Kugler | PA Futures / EACOG |

Executive Board members present – 7 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No public comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF THE August 13, 2009 MINUTES

Jan Cornwell requested the minutes be amended to reflect comments she made regarding speakers/presenters at ECPC meetings. A motion was made by Jan Cornwell and seconded by Joseph Legnasky to approve the minutes, as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

Presentation – Erie Area COG Functional Cooperation Project – Alan Kugler

Alan Kugler introduced himself and explained his role with the Erie Area Council of Governments (EACOG). He briefly described the current status of the EACOG; their membership, functions, and ongoing activities. A handout providing an overview of the EACOG was distributed.

Alan then gave an overview of the Functional Cooperation Project the EACOG is involved in that has identified “priorities for increased cooperation that would lead to more cost-efficient and vibrant public service delivery”. Four priority areas were identified for focus: e-Government, Public Safety and Emergency Services, Public Water, Sewer and Storm Water Management, and Public Works. He noted that subcommittees have been established to address each of these areas. The information discussed is also available at the following website:

<http://www.eriepa.com/strategic-initiatives/erie-area-council-of-governments/>

Alan also discussed the concept of expanding the EACOG’s range of services and membership structure beyond the Erie Urban Area to the rest of the County. He noted that the EACOG Executive Board recently voted to explore the concept and invite additional members. He then talked about next steps, outreach and coordination with other organizations such as the Borough and Township Associations, to discuss coordinating these efforts. A brief question and answer period followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Update of Erie County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO)

John McGranor provided a brief status report on the proposed update to the Erie County SALDO. John noted that the initial administrative review by the ECDP staff was completed, and the preliminary draft was sent to the subcommittee members for their review. The draft was also sent to several other agencies for their initial input, including

the County Health Dept, County Assessment office, Erie County Conservation District, several area zoning officers, surveyors and developers. Some comments have already been received.

A work session of the subcommittee members was held prior to the ECPC meeting to discuss the preliminary draft. Several comments were addressed at the subcommittee meeting. Additional subcommittee meetings will be scheduled throughout the process.

NEW BUSINESS

ECDP Monthly Activity Report

Jake Welsh briefly reviewed information provided in the monthly activity report handout mailed to the ECPC members with the meeting notice. He stated that application periods for 2010 funds are now open for the CZM and CDBG programs, and will close on October 23 and October 9, respectively. He also gave a brief update on the status of the Greenways Plan, noting that revisions are still being prepared based on the public comments received, and will hopefully be ready for ECPC review in the next couple of months. Staff capacity and other project priorities have slowed the revision process. Brief discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Report

Recognition and thanks was given to John McGranor for his work in developing the draft SALDO, both as a stand alone document and for its potential use by municipalities interested in utilizing it as a template for updating their municipal ordinance.

Hot Topic

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.