

**VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN AND VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE  
FOX RIVER CORRIDOR PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes  
Carpentersville Village Hall  
January 7, 2015  
1:00 p.m.**

***AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order***

Steering Committee Present: Mike Armato; Jodie Auliff; Jerry Culp; Bill Hicks; John Kremer; Tom Mammoser; Jim Steigert; Gary Swick; Kay Teeter; Eberhard Veit; Nancy Williamson.

Steering Committee Absent: Cynthia Kanner; Jeff Provisor.

CMAP Staff Present: Trevor Dick; Brian Daly.

Village Staff Present: Joe Wade, Carpentersville Assistant Village Manager; Ben Mason, Algonquin Senior Planner.

Guests Present: Ed Ritter, Carpentersville Village President; Steve Pescitelli, IDNR.

***AGENDA ITEM 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes***

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting – with correction to spelling of guest name Chris Kempf – was seconded and approved by voice vote.

***AGENDA ITEM 3: Project Recap***

Brian Daly, CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning), presented an overview of the study's scope of work and project website. CMAP held a public input workshop on July 29, 2014 and approximately 60 people attended to provide their recommendations for the study area. CMAP also attended Algonquin's It's Our River Day event on September 20 and coordinated with Gary Swick, Friends of the Fox River to arrange a canoe tour of the riverfront corridor for steering committee members on September 22.

***AGENDA ITEM 4: Existing Conditions Report***

Trevor Dick and Brian Daly, CMAP, provided an overview of the study's existing conditions report and below is the feedback that was offered at the meeting:

- Consider connections from the river corridor to surrounding regional open spaces, such as Raceway Woods and Dixie Fromm Briggs
- Consider incorporating pedestrian and bicycle access to Longmeadow Parkway

- Refer in the study to the county forest preserve district plans for Fox Bluff/Camp Algonquin and Brunner
- Consider promoting the natural areas in the corridor as tourism destinations to see wildlife, such as eagles and cranes
- Consider dredging river north of Algonquin dam and creating land-based island upstream
- Consider re-purposing of parking lots along river, in particular near Otto property
- Balance desires for increased river access with importance of preserving and conserving natural features
- Provide analysis and overview of challenges to incorporating whitewater kayaking at the Algonquin dam

***AGENDA ITEM 5: Factors Affecting the Fishery and Stream Quality in Fox River***

Steve Pescitelli, IDNR, gave a presentation on opportunities for improving water quality and fish habitat in the Fox River. Some examples included dam removal and/or fish ladders or bypass routes around existing dam facilities. President Ritter inquired about possible partial breaching of a dam to allow portions of the structure to remain as a part of the community's heritage.


***AGENDA ITEM 6: Project Next Steps***

- a) Public Visioning Charette – CMAP will hold a visioning workshop in Carpentersville on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 to obtain additional public input and suggestions for the study area.
- b) Vision Statement – CMAP will use input gathered from all stakeholder groups and study participants to prepare some guiding principles for the corridor plan. The vision statement will become a chapter in the final study document.
- c) Key Recommendations – CMAP will develop a memorandum to share with the Steering Committee that outlines general recommendations and strategies for improvements to the corridor. The memo will be distributed for review and comment to obtain any further input from committee members prior to creating a full draft of the corridor plan.

***AGENDA ITEM 7: Adjournment***

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ben Mason, Algonquin Senior Planner