

**AREA PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY was held on Monday, December 4th, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in a regularly scheduled meeting on the first floor of the Grant County Office Complex at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, Indiana. The following members were present: Dennis Fox, John Bonham, Myron Brankle, Dick Trobridge, Kim Windle, Keith Roorbach arrived at 7:08 pm, John Woodmansee, Dick Treon, Vice-President and Tony Manry, President. Members absent were Mark Bardsley, Rana Vetor, and Bob Highley. Staff present was Kenneth Ellis, Executive Director, and Brenda Harrison.

There were no petitions for the evening.

The Area Plan Commission Board and the Area Plan Executive Director, Kenneth Ellis discussed their concerns regarding the AFO ordinance and what should be done in the future. Mr. Ellis also discussed his plans for the Area Plan Office for the next year.

Concerns regarding the AFO committee were that 2 or 3 more citizen members should have been on the committee, and it should have been made up of people from all over the county instead of the Van Buren area only. It was mentioned that only Van Buren area people applied for the committee. The use of sub-committees in gathering information was mentioned. In the discussion, it was brought up that the AFO Committee members felt that they had done a lot of hard work, and that the work was rejected.

Members discussed the AFO Ordinance from St. Joseph County and the fact that the Health Department was in charge of enforcing the ordinance because it is a public health problem.

There were discussions on setbacks and how far from property line they should be and that there could have been more time spent gathering information. To get a plan from Purdue would take six months.

John Woodmansee mentioned to the board that there will be teleconference training on January 24th at 7-9 pm on the 6th floor of the County Complex to get new members up to speed with the process of being a Plan Commission Board member.

Motion made by John Bonham to have the January meeting to deal with the Agricultural part of our comprehensive plan. Dick Trobridge seconded. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Motion made by John Bonham to adjourn meeting, seconded by Dick Trobridge. All members present voted yes; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Tony Manry, APC President