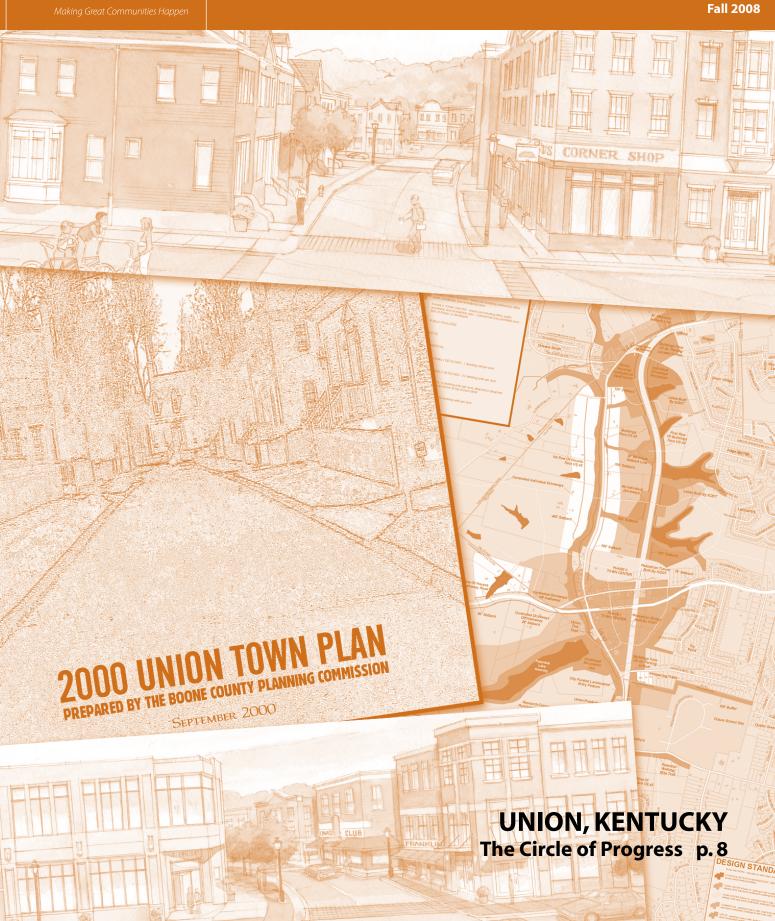
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A Word From The President

appy holidays everyone! As any outgoing president would, as I write my final president's column, I am reflecting on all Lof KAPA's many activities over the past two years with. The Chapter has experienced many successful efforts and new initiatives over this time including a membership survey, branding (new logos), three state conferences, hosting a regional conference in Louisville, two legislative sessions, continued work with the University of Louisville on accreditation, four Chapter Presidents Council meetings, an update of our sponsorship opportunities, national community planning month efforts, working with APA on new budgeting requirements, initial work on revamping the KAPA website, various community assistance efforts, and, my favorite topic of all - AICP CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE. Time sure flies when so much good work is happening.



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Speaking of good work, the Chapter Presidents Council convened at the leadership meeting in Washington D.C. in October. It was my pleasure to represent the Chapter for the last time. AICP Certification Maintenance

was again among the hot topics, and the CPC Best Practices meeting revolved around what other chapters are doing to deal with the latest requirements. I am happy to say that we are already undertaking many of these "best practices" including a CD/video lending library, requiring sessions to be submitted in the "official form" required by AICP, promoting partnerships for attending the APA audio conferences, and providing law and ethics sessions. AICP leadership let us know that an Ethics Toolkit would soon be provided to our Chapter PDO's, and that an ethics online course was being planned.

At the CPC Business meeting many other topics were discussed including the Young Planners Group and the New Planner membership category, getting out the word on National Community Planning Month, and further AICP Specialized Training efforts. Also of special interest at the meetings was APA's National Infrastructure Investment Task Force. This group was created to evaluate current conditions and challenges affecting the nation's vital infrastructure, develop a new vision for that infrastructure, and identify recommendations for changes in public policy and planning practice. The task force steering committee will include the chairs of six sub-committees, focused on the topics of transportation, water, energy, technology and telecommunications, public facilities and green infrastructure. You can find out more about this program at http://www.planning.org/ policy/infrastructure/.

Finally, I wish my successor, Louise Allen, much luck during her term. Everyone involved in KAPA's many committees and on the Executive Committee are wonderful folks to work with. I am confident that KAPA's success will continue under her leadership. Thanks to everyone for a great two years!

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Larisa K. Sims, AICP President, APA-KY

Deadlines

does this in his spare time. Late entries will appear in a later

Next Deadline

Submissions

The Kentucky Planner publishes quarterly, and contributions from current or past members and other interested parties are encouraged. Articles, letters, comments, announcements, etc. submitted for publication are accepted via e-mail or on tree ware. Material accepted for publication may be edited to conform to space, readability, and basic grammar requirements. Interested persons should contact the editor via email at rjonas@boonecountyky.org.

Hail to the Chief!

Thank You Larisa for All You've Done!



From The Editor's Desk

by Robert A. Jonas, AICP, rjonas@boonecountyky.org

hange isaround us. The leaves have turned and are now lying on the ground exposing the skeletons of what were beautiful. green, lush The temperature has changed and forced us to adjust our wardrobe to acclimate to the cold. The economy



has forced us to search out change...spare change that is. And if that were not enough for you, we have change happening at the pinnacle of our country's leadership. A word of caution however in this time of change; Edward T. McMahon of The Conservation Fund once said, "The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change. The question is how." People in general are prone to think that change in and of itself can solve our problems but change simply for the sake of change will most likely lead to chaos. We must have a solid plan in place for how we are to change and to what ends. Take sprawl for example. I remember in 1992 when our profession was singing the praises of change in the White

House. The Clinton-Gore administration was going to help us end suburban sprawl and send us rocketing into the world of sustainability. What we saw, however, was the continuation and in fact an acceleration of sprawl throughout the 1990s. Were we guilty of thinking that change at the top would fix everything? Where was our follow-up? Did we let our guard down and rest on our laurels? The real change needed to occur at the grass roots level where locally elected officials were approving any and all developments that came their way no matter how many cul-de-sacs it included. We saw change at the top again in 2000 but the sprawl continued as if unfazed by the election of W. Bush. In fact, the only thing that seems to have been effective in slowing down the uncontrolled growth we've seen over the past 15 years has been the current housing lending and economic crisis. But even that could be a problem for planners as local communities become more desperate to approve something...anything, just to get their town back on its feet again. I will repeat a familiar refrain: we've got to educate the local officials and start making change from the bottom up or it will all be in vain. If not, the only change our profession will see is local politicians turning to other professionals for solutions. And that is change we simply can't afford.

URBANE PLANNING

by Robert A. Jonas, AICP

at-tached gar-age n. part of dwelling used by its owners as a secret entrance and exit from their house in order to avoid any contact with neighbors.

catch ba-sin n. outdoor garbage can for litterbugs who don't want to clutter up the inside of their cars with food wrappers and cans.

char-rette n. a quick and cheap process by which to obtain a plan without all the nicks and cuts of a consultant.

cul-de-sac n. suburban crop circles springing up in agriculture fields all across the country; an American phenomenon (see also 'dead end').

ga-ted com-mun-i-ty n. modern day subdivisions modeled after medieval mote-surrounded castles only without the hassle of alligators.

o-pen space n. land that can't be built upon and thus 'donated' to the community by a developer.

o-ver-sight com-mit-tee n. (1) a group of people usually gathered together to fix an oversight from a previous planning effort; (2) a group of people who inadvertently overlook the obvious solution to a problem.

ped-es-tri-an n. someone walking from their car to a store (or other similar destination) and back to their car.

sign-age n. advertisement that is never small enough to satisfy planners and never large enough to satisfy business owners.

smart-growth n. a style of development that is perceived to make sense but not dollars.

stake-hold-er meet-ing n. an event where a group of people hold a stake so that others can drive it through the heart of a plan with a large hammer often killing the project.

sus-tain-a-ble de-vel-op-ment n. old-school development where a community exists and lives within its means (see also 'endangered species').

ur-ban plan-ner n. jack of all trades; master of none (see also 'scapegoat').

zon-ing code n. a document people hate to abide by but are more than willing to push on their neighbors.

Professional Development Officer's Report

"Hot Topics in Planning Law", "Ethical Practice for Practicing Planners", and "Transportation and Land Use". These courses are expected by early to mid 2009.

by Megan De Sola, AICP, mdesola@vioxinc.com

The OKI Regional Conference Louisville was a huge success; thank you to everyone who worked so long and hard to make everything \mathbf{so} smoothly. go Regarding the status of Certificate Maintenance (CM) credits for the OKI conference; the



conference cannot be posted on APA's website until APA finishes making some updates to their site. I was told that the updates would be complete by early December. at which time KAPA will submit the conference for CM approval. Hopefully, the conference will be posted before the end of the year and those who attended the conference can log their hours at that time. I plan to send an e-mail to all AICP conference attendees to let them know when they are able to access the conference to log their hours. Therefore, if you attended the OKI conference, keep your CM hours in a written log until you get the "all clear". I apologize for the inconvenience, however the chapter received a very large cost-savings by waiting to register the conference after APA updated its website with the new package rates. If any non-AICP Planner or Planning Official is in need of continuing education forms from the OKI Regional Conference, please e-mail me and I can get one sent to you.

The updates to APA's website not only impact those wanting to log their CM hours from the OKI conference. New features on the website will include the ability to log self-reported CM hours (members are allowed up to 8 CM credits from activities which are not registered by a provider), the ability to log credits for authoring or speaking/instruction at an event, and new CM provider registration package rates.

In case you are still in need of CM credit hours, APA recently announced the availability of a free online course entitled "Planning for Healthy Places with Health Impact Assessments". This course is worth 6 CM credit hours and can be found at http://professional.captus. com/Planning/hia/default.aspx. The course can also be accessed through APA's website at http://www.planning. org/cm/search/ by searching "Distance Learning" offerings. The course will be found on the second page of offerings. Members can also find it by typing in the title of the course into the search field and clicking "Go". APA will soon be creating a page on their website that highlights all of APA's online courses. APA continues to work on three additional upcoming online courses: Good luck to all KAPA members who took the AICP exam in November. And, thank you to those who attended the one-day AICP exam workshop at the OKI Conference in Louisville. I have received great feedback from this event. The event seemed to be a success, as there were 25 attendees from all three states - hopefully those in attendance felt that the day was well-spent! Once again, KAPA will host a free 2-day exam workshop in the spring at the University of Louisville. Check KAPA's website for the announcement of the dates which should be determined in early 2009.

Just as a reminder, the application period for the May 2009 exam is now open. At the time of this printing, the registration deadline has not been determined – please check the APA website for more information. I would like to encourage all applicants applying for the May exam to apply early and begin gathering employment/ education verifications before submitting the application. The deadlines to submit the application and verification documents are final. Any applicant who fails to meet the posted deadlines will be marked as "incomplete" and will not be allowed to sit for the May exam. The exam fee for first time applicants is \$485 and the fee for returning applicants is \$425. APA is adding a new application link to their website for returning applicants. See APA's website for more details.

If your employer will not pay the registration cost for the AICP exam and you are a member of KAPA, the Chapter will reimburse you for the cost of the exam fee. You must live or work in Kentucky at the time you are requesting the reimbursement. KAPA will reimburse the exam fee in the following manner: one-half of the exam fee will be reimbursed at the time of initial exam registration, and the second half will be made upon notification that you have successfully completed (passed) the exam. For more information, please contact me at mdesola@ vioxinc.com.

Finally, congratulations to KAPA's newest AICP member - Tara Ford, AICP. Tara is the Economic Development Manager at Northern Kentucky Tri-ED.

Once again, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Thanks,

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Union, Kentucky - The Circle of Progress

by David A. Geohegan, AICP

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The City of Union, Kentucky was founded and named for the junction of two roadways in the early 19th century. One of the early settlers included the Fowler family who controlled 5,000 acres. Benjamin Piatt Fowler constructed the impressive stone house on Old Union Road in 1817. It has recently been incorporated into a new development and is used to this day as a residence. The importance of this family and the significant structures

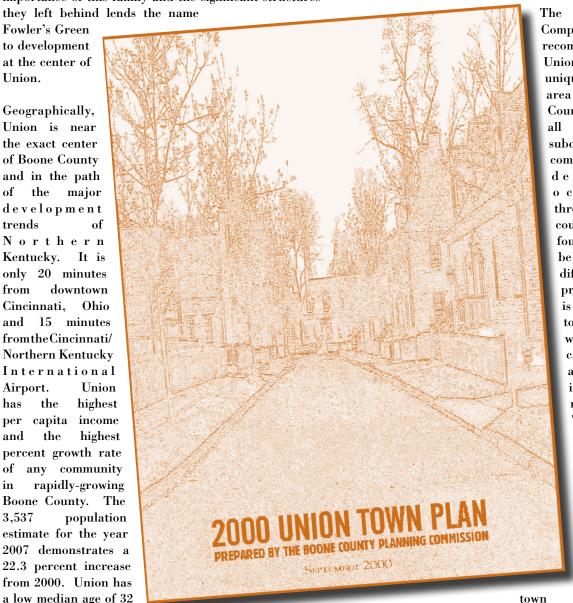
Fowler's Green to development at the center of Union.

Geographically, Union is near the exact center of Boone County and in the path the major development trends Northern Kentucky. It is only 20 minutes from downtown Cincinnati, Ohio and 15 minutes from the Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky International Airport. Union highest has the capita per income highest and the percent growth rate any community of rapidly-growing in Boone County. The 3,537 population estimate for the year 2007 demonstrates a 22.3 percent increase from 2000. Union has a low median age of 32

and an average family

size of 3.55, showing the young, vibrant character of the population. In 2000, the median home value was \$187,600 compared to \$131,800 for the county, with 40 percent of the homes being \$200,000 or more. Median family income was \$85,859 compared to \$61,114 for the county. When projected out to completion, the Union

Land Use Plan is expected to support almost 10,000 people. With the ongoing construction of roads and utilities in the area, this growth is anticipated to continue well into the next decade for not only Union, but also for its immediate surroundings. Fowlers Green at Union represents the most favorable address in Boone County to locate a new town center.



The Boone County Comprehensive Plan recommends that Union be a truly unique development in Boone With County. all the suburban subdivision commercial strip development occurring throughout the county, Union has found a niche to be refreshingly different. The preferred concept a walkable town center where people can live, work, and recreate the same neighborhood. The Union Town Plan, adopted in 2000 by the City of Union, Boone County, the Planning Commission. sets forth an attractive, welcoming

development

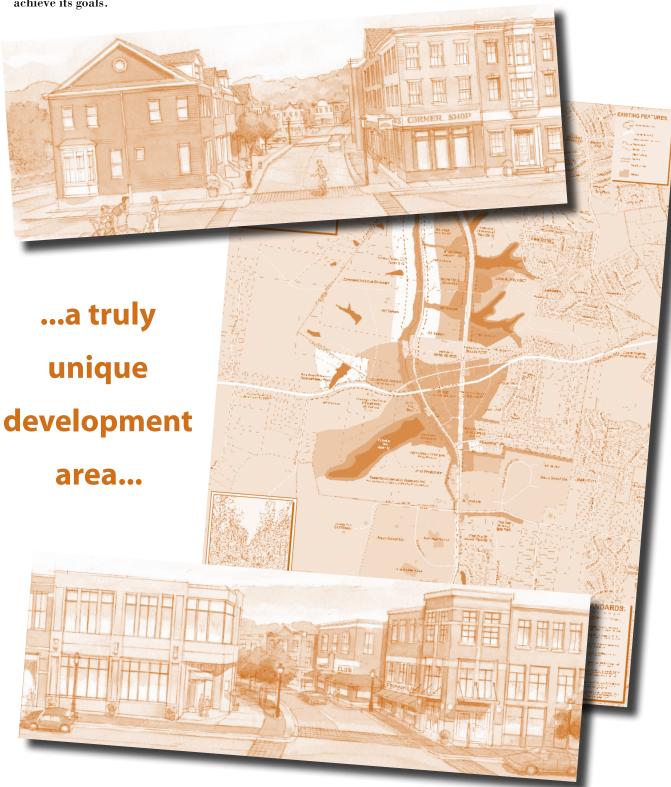
adjacent to Union's existing downtown. It includes a detailed Land Use Plan and special zoning provisions to achieve a town center style of development. The town center is planned to be truly mixed-use with buildings close to the sidewalk, hidden parking areas, attention to streetscape, and architectural guidelines. A critical component of the Plan is the concentration of almost all

the town commercial uses in the planned town center with most of the U.S. 42 corridor being planned for residential development. To date, new development in the Union Town Plan study area has adhered to this pattern.

The downtown vision, known as Fowler's Green, provides clarity for what Union envisions to become. The 2000 Union Town Plan was a regulatory plan in that it established the zoning for the area, while this vision plan describes the design direction the City must take to achieve its goals.

Development Trends

Already, over 1,600 housing units and almost 15 acres of business use have been approved in the Union Town Plan area. The planned town center area, totaling about 90 acres, is the major undeveloped portion. This town center area is strategically positioned at the future junction of two five-lane arterials, both of which connect to Interstate 75. U.S. 42, reconstructed in 2004, initially carried a traffic volume of over 14,000 vehicles a day, and is projected to be over 35,000 by 2030.



APA REGIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE

Planning Commissioner Training Workshop

October 17, 2008 Louisville, Kentucky

by **Kevin P. Costello, AICP**

On October 17, 2008, thirty-six planning commissioners from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana attended an allday Planning Commissioner Training Session at the APA Regional Planning Conference in Louisville. The workshop was partially funded by an APA Chapters President Council (CPC) grant. The morning session featured nationally known planning commissioner training expert Michael Chandler, AICP. He is a former member of the Blacksburg, Virginia Planning Commission and served on the Town Council for 19 years. He is also known for developing a statewide certification program for planning commissioners in Virginia. Mr. Chandler covered topics such as why we plan; planning commissioner duties, responsibilities, and expectations; the 21st century comprehensive plan; making planning accountable; making effective decisions; and visioning and thinking creatively. As part of his presentation, an 85-page packet of material was given to each conference attendee.



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Rural Pendleton County Adopts Zoning Ordinance

by Owen Collins Chairman, Pendleton County Joint Planning Commission

August 22, 2008

For a rural county in Kentucky to adopt a zoning ordinance is tantamount to moving a family cemetery; raw emotions surface and figuratively there is often a bloodbath. The difficulty of such is borne out in that less than half of our counties have a zoning ordinance. Rural persons prize their individuality and dislike government passing rules concerning what they can or cannot do on their property.

Within the last 90 days the Pendleton Fiscal Court has had two public hearings and the Pendleton County Joint Planning Commission (PCJPC) one and in all three, no one spoke against the Fiscal Court's adoption of the ordinance. Those who have adopted zoning ordinances in other counties indicate that such is highly unusual,

and those of us on the firing line in Pendleton are pleased that the citizenry in our county has supported our efforts so positively!

The following is set forth to aid other counties that may be going thru the process or contemplating such. First, Pendleton County in the late 1980's had a failure in enacting a zoning ordinance, a lawsuit was filed and the Circuit Judge ruled that the effort was null and void. There was much strong feeling generated, both positive and negative, to the point that sitting county judge executives avoided the issue for nearly a decade.

In 1999, Judge Henry Bertram, seeing the need for Continued on page 12.



Pendleton County Fiscal Court





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a zoning ordinance and other regulatory controls to manage the undesirable growth from adjoining counties, appointed, with the mayors of Falmouth and Butler, the Pendleton County Joint Planning Commission. One of our first steps was to hire Mr. Tim Theissen as counsel to the PCJPC. Mr. Theissen has served for several years as Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (NKAPC) in Kenton County and has specialized in Land Use Planning in his practice of law.

We made it clear that we did not want a carbon copy of Kenton County's Land Use Plan, and he has perceptively listened to us and interpreted our desires in a comprehensive and understandable legal construct. By consensus he is often given much credit for our success, and any county desiring to undergo the process of land use planning is well advised to secure the services of a skilled, experienced attorney who can articulate what he is hearing from the locals.

Second, we developed a Pendleton County Comprehensive Plan. There was an old Plan, but we felt we needed to revise it and make it our own, and it took us approximately two years to finish this task.

Third, we tackled the issue of subdivision regulations, retaining the services of the NKAPC, in particular Mr. Scott Hiles, a technician in the same organization, and he drafted a set of regulations to which the PCJPC reacted to and internalized. We had a Public Hearing on these regulations in December, 2004, and about 30 persons turned out, but generally they were friendly. These regulations have been in operation for four years without major heartburn.

Fourth, we needed to broaden our knowledge base as well as examine options for Pendleton and the Fiscal Court and entered into a contract for services with Advanced Landscape Architectural students from the University of Kentucky. After meeting with various groups, they presented their fresh ideas in a publication entitled, Pendleton County: The Best of Both Worlds." The PCJCP appointed a Steering Committee consisting of nearly 40 citizens to review the document and make recommendations as to their likes and dislikes. After six

meetings and much discussion, the Steering Committee recommended nothing, but the time was not wasted for it had broadened our horizons and at the same time sharpened our focus concerning what Pendleton Countians wanted in a zoning ordinance.

Fifth, The PCJPC in April, 2007 promised the Fiscal Court that we would present them with a draft of a zoning ordinance before Christmas. Mr. Theissen drafted the ordinance and we reacted thereto and internalized. We held a public hearing in November, and there were approximately 50 persons in attendance. Eleven persons spoke for the ordinance and four against. The discussion was structured and there was no untoward behavior.

Sixth, The Fiscal Court carefully reviewed and edited the Zoning Ordinance, working with Mr. Thessien. They were praised for their efforts by several persons who worked with them. And as indicated above, no one came to the above three public hearings to voice dissent, a rather remarkable turn of events, contrasted with 300 angry residents when Zoning was first attempted in the late 1980's.

What intangible factors contributed to our success?

- 1. We took our time. Nine years in all;
- 2. We had a strong, well respected Planning Commission whose motivation to serve was impeccable. Although there was some turnover in the Commission early on, there has been none within the last three years. Four have served from the inception nine years ago. Two have served six years;







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- 3. We have made it a point to treat all who came before us, for any reason, with courtesy and respect, carefully communicating to all citizens that we expected the same behavior from them toward the PCJPC;
- 4. We made it a point to work with the Fiscal Court, involved them wherever they wanted to be involved, and we kept them informed of our progress;
- 5. Our County Judge, Henry Bertram, showed a strong interest in the Commission, attended most meetings,

and exercised leadership when we encountered obstacles, particularly developing the maps that accompanied the written zoning ordinance.

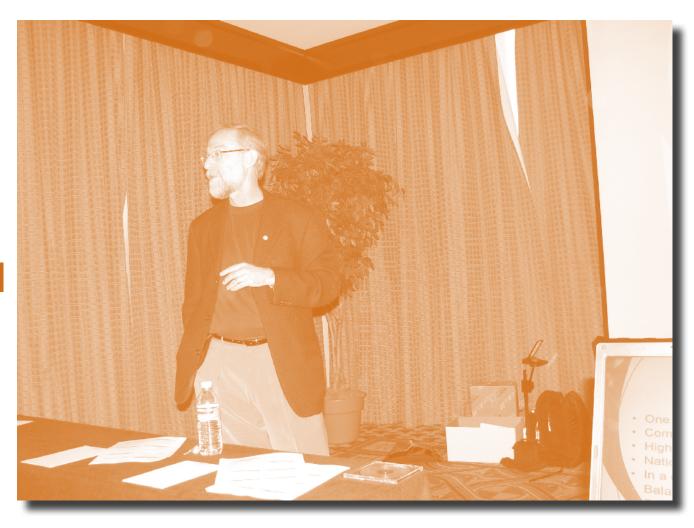
What tangible factors helped us achieve the passage of this long awaited zoning ordinance?

- 6. We chose to keep our zoning ordinance relatively simple with only three zones: agricultural, residential. commercial/ and industrial. We wanted to control commercial and industrial uses without limiting agricultural and residential uses:
- 7. We chose to not set a minimum lot size for building, based on the assumptions that subdivision
- regulations, set back requirements from the zoning ordinance, and health department regulations would produce the desired effect;
- 8. We chose to break commercial/industrial zone into two: those on the outside of a building-for example a quarry, and those inside a building such as a service station.

We have laid a solid foundation for further development in zoning in Pendleton, as the need arises.



The afternoon session was oriented towards understanding future trends and discussing current issues facing board members. Kevin P. Costello, AICP, Executive Director of the Boone County Planning Commission gave a presentation on future global trends that will affect communities. Trends were examined in the following energy, employment, education, economy, areas: environment, and land use. Dr. David Edelman, AICP, Director of the School of Planning from the University of Cincinnati gave an overview of emerging trends in planning education and employment. It is important to know how the planning field and the college graduate has changed over time and how it will impact the future. The final portion of the afternoon session involved a roundtable discussion of planning issues facing board members. Timothy C. Butler, AICP, Esq. of Nexus Planning and Zoning provided ideas to resolve issues and problems that confront board members on a routine basis. Attendees shared experiences with each other as a way of networking. Planning Commissioners received 6.5 hours of continuing education credits for the daylong training workshop.







2009 KAPA Awards Application

Nominations for the 2009 Self-nominations are enco		nitted by no later than April 17, 2009.
I nominate:	for a 2009 KAPA Awa	rd in the following category (indicate one):
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Outstanding Projection management guidel		s and codes, design guidelines, growth
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KAPA Calendar Of Events

January 23, 2009

KAPA Executive Committee Meeting (LaGrange)

February 3, 2009

Deadline for Articles for Winter 2009 Newsletter

April 25-29, 2009

APA National Conference (Minneapolis, MN)

May 20-22, 2009

KAPA Spring Conference (Lake Barkley State Park Resort)





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