

Washington County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Study Group
Minutes of January 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order, by Wagner, at 7:05 p.m. at the Public Agency Center. Those present included:

Staff:

Peter Wagner.....Planner
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Mark Baran..... District Conservationist
USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Kevin StruckGrowth Management Educator
Washington County UW-Extension

Study Group Members Present:

Dan Stoffel, Chairperson.....County Board Supervisor
Bill Ohm.....MSA Professional Services Inc.
Ann Enright.....County Realtors Association
Ellen Goeller, Vice-Chairperson.....Agribusiness Cluster Council Representative
Therese Gripentrog.....Department of Natural Resources
Jim Bennett.....Town of Hartford
Joe Peters.....Town of Barton
Mary Krumbiegel.....County Board Supervisor
Leander Herriges.....Town of Wayne
Scott Mathie.....Metropolitan Builders Association
Sue Millin.....Land Conservation Partnership
Matt Heiser.....Village of Kewaskum

First Order of Business: Welcome/Review agenda

Wagner welcomed participants to the meeting and noted that Debora Sielski was not able to attend the meeting and briefly reviewed agenda items.

Second Order of Business: Select Chair & Vice Chair

Bennett withdrew his name from consideration from nominations.

Krumbiegel nominated Stoffel as Chairperson. Stoffel accepted nomination.

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Heiser to nominate Stoffel as Chairperson and close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Krumbiegel nominated Goeller as Vice-Chairperson. Goeller accepted nomination.

Motion by Herriges, seconded by Peters to nominate Goeller as Vice-Chairperson and close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Third Order of Business: Approval of minutes

Motion by Krumbiegel, seconded by Bennett to approve the minutes of December 7, 2004 with title change and correction on page 2, changing the word protection to preservation. Motion carried.

Fourth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 1: Introduction

Wagner stated that all changes were made that were discussed at last months meeting and requested if their were any further corrections. Brief discussion ensued regarding detailing the jurisdiction between County and local municipalities. Wagner stated that it may be put in under Chapter 8: Implementation.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Struck to adopt Chapter 1 Preliminary Draft. Motion carried.

Fifth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 2: Urban Growth/Agriculture/Open Space

Wagner presented and reviewed Chapter 2: Urban Growth/Agriculture/Open Space. (See Attached). Struck suggested to use household units instead of households. Wagner noted correction on page 4 to 368.6 square miles.

Discussion ensued regarding what types of land make up recreation land. The study group requested that urban and non-urban lands be described more clearly. Struck requested that Table 6, be formatted in the same way as Table 5 and state Non-Urban. Heiser suggested on page 9 to describe how relevant the dairy farms are compared to other types of farming. The study group also suggested that a prime agriculture map be created using prime soils data layer.

Sixth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 3: Takings

Wagner presented and briefly reviewed Chapter 3: Takings. (See Attached).

Seventh Order of Business: Continued Discussion on Existing Tools and Techniques

The study group continued discussion on the existing tools and techniques. Millin suggested that a list of advantages and disadvantages be listed for each tool. Millin added that another tool could be public and private partnerships.

Eighth Order of Business: Discuss Case Studies

Wagner requested that this be discussed at the February meeting due to time constraints.

Ninth Order of Business: Discuss Contents of Chapter 5: Public Participation

Wagner stated after meeting with Sielski regarding Chapter 5: Public Participation, that it may be best to gather information through various surveys that have been recently done throughout the County that relates to Farmland and Open Space Preservation, instead of holding public participation meetings. The study group agreed and requested copies of the surveys to be reviewed.

Tenth Order of Business: Other Business

Wagner stated that the next meeting will on February 1, 2005.

Millin presented the “Citizen Forum” brochure and requested everyone’s attendance if possible. (See Attached).

Motion by Bennet, seconded by Enright to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Stoffel