

Washington County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Study Group
Minutes of May 3, 2005

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

Staff:

Debora Sielski.....Assistant Administrator for Planning
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

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

Blaine Delzer..... County Conservationist
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

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

Alan Linnebur.....Farm Business Educator
Washington County UW-Extension

Kevin Struck.....Growth Management Educator
Washington County UW-Extension

Study Group Members Present:

Dan Stoffel, Chairperson.....County Board Supervisor

Ellen Goeller, Vice-Chairperson.....Agribusiness Cluster Council Representative

Mike Becker.....Farm Bureau

Jim Bennett.....Town of Hartford

Angie Curtes.....Ozaukee Washington Land Trust

Ann Enright.....County Realtors Association

Matt Heiser.....Village of Kewaskum

Leander Herriges.....Town of Wayne

Scott Mathie.....Metropolitan Builders Association

Sue Millin.....Land Conservation Partnership

Bill Ohm.....MSA Professional Services Inc.

Joe Peters.....Town of Barton

First Order of Business: Welcome/Review agenda

Stoffel welcomed study group members and briefly reviewed agenda items.

Second Order of Business: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Delzer, seconded by Becker to approve the April 12, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.

Third Order of Business: Review Revisions to Chapter 3

Wagner presented changes to Chapter 3 and asked study group if changes were acceptable.

Motion by Bennett to approve Chapter 3, seconded by Herriges. Motion carried.

Fourth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 4 sections: UGB and Large Lot Zoning

Wagner reviewed revised UGB and Large Lot Zoning sections of Chapter 4 and discussion followed.

Motion by Mathie to rename UGB section to Exclusive Farming Use Zoning. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Study group discussed where UGB section would be appropriate in report.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Heiser that UGB section is moved to Chapter 7: Planning section with UGB example being moved to the Appendix. Motion carried.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Enright to approve Large Lot Zoning section for Chapter 4. Motion carried, with Mathie opposed.

Fifth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 7

Wagner presented changes to Chapter 7, discussion followed. Millin suggested adding more content to chapter. Study members indicated that the public participation section needed to be expanded and the second paragraph in said section be moved to Chapter 4 along with last paragraph from planning section. Add UGB section to the planning section and rewrite the moratoria paragraph adding regulation language. Struck suggested adding a resource section citing sources for additional information.

Motion by Enright, seconded by Mathie, to move text (2nd paragraph of Public Participation section) and sentence (examples of planned and implemented PDR programs) from planning section to Chapter 4 PDR section. Discussion ensued regarding the changes. Bennett called a question. Motion carried. Motion carried on initial motion.

Motion by Becker, seconded by Peters to approve Chapter 7 with revisions. Becker withdrew motion.

Sixth Order of Business: Review Preliminary Draft Chapter 8

Wagner reviewed Chapter 8 and discussion followed. Study group provided revisions to Chapter 8.

Motion by Enright, seconded by Peters to approve Chapter 8 with revisions.

Seventh Order of Business: Discuss Chapter 6 addition: Acres for America

Wagner reviewed addition and asked study group to include, as a funding source, Acres for America program description in Chapter 6. Discussion followed. Study group suggested not including program but possibly referencing Acres for America/National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in resources section.

Eighth Order of Business: Other business

No other business

Ninth Order of Business: Discuss last study group meeting

Stoffel stated the last meeting will be May 31st and he would be unable to attend for personal reasons, but stated that the group should still meet on May 31st. The study group agreed.

Tenth Order of Business: Adjourn

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Enright to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Stoffel