

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Heiser at 6:15 p.m. at the Washington County Public Agency Center in Rooms 1113 A/B. Those present included:

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Mathew Heiser, Chairperson Village of Kewaskum
Brian Bausch Washington County Board Supervisor
Phil Beitz Village of Newburg Citizen
Daniel Knodl Washington County Board Supervisor
Ron Hefter Town of Addison
Brad Bautz Town of Erin
Ralph Eisenman Town of Farmington
Paul Metz Town of Germantown
Jim Bennett Town of Hartford
Ellis Kahn Town of Kewaskum
Willard Heppe Town of Polk
Leander Herriges Town of Wayne
John Schultz Town of Trenton Citizen
David Nixon UWWC
Chris Kuehn HUED Work Group Chairperson
Michael Heili Village of Newburg
John Wald DNR Park & Recreation
Shawn Graff Ozaukee Washington Land Trust
Jerry Priesgen LUT Work Group Chairperson

Excused:

Ron Heinen, Vice-Chairperson Town of Barton
David Baldus ANCR Work Group Chairperson
Barb Renkas Town of West Bend Citizen
Scott Mathie Metropolitan Builders Association

Absent:

Ann Enright Washington Board of Realtors
Mike Becker Farm Bureau
Dave Johnson Non-metallic Mining Representative
Ed Doerr Town of Trenton

Staff

Deb Sielski Assistant Administrator for Planning
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Joshua Glass Planner
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Nancy Anderson Chief Planner
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Robbie Robinson Planner
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Chris Parisey Planner
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Kelly Hahm Administrative Secretary
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Others

Tom Sackett – County Board Chairman
Dave Jolicoeur – Engineer, SEWRPC

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: Call Meeting to Order/Review Agenda

Heiser called meeting to order.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of February 13, 2008 Minutes

Motion by Heili, seconded by Bennett to approve minutes of February 13, 2008 with no additions or corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review and Consider Approval of Revised Transportation Element Maps XI-1 and XI-2

Anderson stated that the Transportation Element Chapter includes the Committee’s requested changes. (See Attached). Anderson reviewed the revised chapter. Anderson stated that Maps XI-1 and XI-2 were approved by the Jurisdictional Highway Committee on February 21, 2008.

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Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kuehn to approve Maps XI-1 and XI-2. Discussion ensued regarding a reliever route around the Village of Kewaskum. Anderson stated that there is a note on the map stating that it is a conceptual location. Jolicoeur mentioned that SEWRPC will be working with the Town and Village of Kewaskum to develop the final route in the future.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Beitz to amend the above motion to include the Jurisdictional Highway Committee minutes with the Transportation Element Chapter. Motion carried. (Kahn and Graff voting nay).

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Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kuehn to accept Maps XI-1 and XI-2 and to include the Jurisdictional Highway Committee minutes with the Transportation Element Chapter. Motion carried. (Kahn and Graff voted nay).

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review and Consider Approval of Draft Chapter XV – Implementation Element

Anderson reviewed Draft Chapter XV – Implementation Element (See Attached). Discussion ensued regarding the County land use map and town land use maps.

Motion by Kuehn, seconded by Beitz to make the following addition to the language stated on Page XV-3: If the Town Land Use Plan is consistent with the Regional Land Use Plan then the County would accept amendment to the Town Plan. Discussion ensued regarding the additional statement.

Motion by Beitz, seconded by Bennett to accept Kuehn’s original motion with the following amendment: to delete “based on criteria to be developed by the Department and approved by the PCPC” on page XV-3. Discussion ensued. **Motion carried.** (Graff, Bausch, Schultz, and Knodl voting nay).

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Motion by Kuehn, seconded by Bennett to change the word “design” in the fourth program listed on page XV-6 to “layout”. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Beitz to approve Chapter XV-Implementation Element as amended. Motion carried. (Bausch, Graff, Knodl voting ney)

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review and Consider Approval of Draft Chapter XVI – Summary

Sielski stated that there will be two versions of this chapter, one that will serve as an executive summary and the actual chapter. Sielski reviewed Chapter XVI – Summary and stated that on page 5, the MJAC will meet on March 19th not the 26th. (See Attached).

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Motion by Heili, seconded by Beitz to add the County website on Page 5 at the end of the inventory information section. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Graff, seconded by Beitz to have the chapter text state that the programs are listed by ranked importance, but the goals are not. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heili, seconded by Bennett to approve Chapter XVI as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review and Consider Approval of Groundwater Recharge Map

Anderson reviewed the “Proposed Revision to Chapter V” handout. (See Attached). Anderson stated the recommendation is to put the map in an inventory chapter (Chapter V).

Motion by Kuehn, seconded by Beitz to add the Groundwater Recharge Map to Chapter V. Motion carried unanimously.

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SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review List of Appendices

Anderson reviewed the list of appendices (See Attached) and stated that the final draft report will be mailed out for the March 19th meeting. Anderson asked for direction on Appendix F. (See Attached). Anderson stated she would like to either update Appendix F with the goals and objectives that were approved at the visioning sessions in 2007 or take the appendix out all together.

Motion by Kuehn, seconded by Heili to include the updated goals and objectives in Appendix F. Motion carried unanimously.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review Appendix K – Town of Germantown

Anderson presented Appendix K to the Committee for informational purposes. (See Attached).

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

Sielski handed out the Countywide open house posters and requested local government and other interested representatives to post them in their communities. (See Attached). Sielski urged the committee members to attend the upcoming meetings and show their support for the comprehensive planning process.

Sielski stated the public hearing notice will be published on Friday and any comments on the final draft plan will be included as part of the testimony at the public hearing. Sielski added that a preliminary final draft of the plan is available in the Planning and Parks Department.

Sielski presented a Daily News editorial (See Attached). Sielski stated that it was very unfortunate that John Torinus decided to step down from the Committee. Unfortunately, he made the false assumption that the quarterly Planning and Parks Department newsletter was the executive summary of the comprehensive plan. Sielski added that Washington County, by the direction of this Advisory Committee and the Planning, Conservation, and Parks Committee, has done more to gain public opinion than most communities and counties throughout Wisconsin. Sielski also stated that the County will continue to gain public input on the comprehensive plan for another 6 weeks. Sielski added that she met with the Daily News yesterday and provided them with all of the element chapters and expects a good article in the near future identifying all of the programs in the comprehensive plan.

Graff requested for the plan be available on the website. Sielski replied that she and Anderson, with their already heavy workloads, will get the .pdf file versions of the chapters on the County website as soon as they can.

Heiser commented on the article and added he wished Torinus could have attended this meeting. Heiser expressed his opinion saying we are all fortunate to have the opportunity to even discuss home rule. Heiser congratulated the committee members for handling the discussion the way they did. Staff has put in a lot of work. Heiser expressed his appreciation for committee members keeping their heads during discussion as tension was rising. Heiser stated that he wanted the Committee to go home and consider themselves blessed that we can have such a discussion, because there are a lot of people in this world that don't have a say on home rule.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

Sielski stated that there is no need to meet on March 5, 2008. The next scheduled meeting is March 19, 2008 at which the Committee will review the final draft plan. The final meeting of the Committee will be April 30, 2008. All workgroups will be invited to celebrate the work that has been completed in the last 3 years.

ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Metz to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
Mathew Heiser, Chairperson

Date _____