

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2006

The meeting was called to order by David Radermacher at 9:03 a.m. at the Public Agency Center Room 3224. Those present included:

Members Present:

Lawrence Hoffman County Board Supervisor
David Radermacher County Board Supervisor
Linda Walter Health Department Director
Linda Olson Office on Aging Director
Ken Pesch Highway Department
James Schwartz County Board Supervisor

Staff:

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

Joanne Wagner Office Manager
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Visitors:

County Attorney Kimberly Nass

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

Chairman Radermacher called the meeting to order. Quorum present.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of October 12, 2006 Minutes
Motion by Olson, seconded by Walters to approve as submitted with no additions or corrections. Motion carried.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review, Discussion and Possible Action of
Inventory Portion of Draft Chapter XIII

Sielski began review of Chapter XIII - Economic Development Element. The inventory portion has been completed at this point. The recommendations for this chapter (part four) are not done, and will not be done for approximately five or six months. Sielski stated that they want to get the inventory out there for everyone to see prior to starting recommendations, as they have done for the other chapters. We will go through the first three portions of the chapter. Sielski stated she is looking for a tentative approval on the chapter. The recommendation portion will come back to this committee for review when the draft is completed.

Sielski began review of some of the key points of the chapter.

Regarding Table XIII-1, Pesch stated an observation that there was an oddity in the number of people in Polk shown as serving in the Army (21 people shown). This number appears to be out of proportion with the other towns, cities and villages in the County. Sielski will ask SEWRPC to double check this number to verify accuracy.

Pesch stated that Table XIII-3 has some columns with percent signs, some not. Sielski will have that corrected for consistency.

Schwartz stated he had asked this question once before and was wondering about the answer. Hartford Industrial Park (which is in Dodge County, but it belongs to the City of Hartford) – where do totals fall for that? Sielski stated there are information notes to go with all of the tables highlighting what is and what isn't included.

At the bottom of page 5 – annual wages- it needs to say “of the state average” instead of “above the state average”. Sielski already has a note about that, and will make the change.

Pesch inquired about the sentence at the bottom of page 5. Does the sentence referring to the average annual wage paid to workers employed in Washington County actually mean all individuals employed in Washington County, or only those living in Washington County? Sielski stated that it is referring to all people who are employed in Washington County. If you live in Washington County but are employed in a different County, your salary will not be reflected in this information. Referred them to table 7 for further clarification. A summary of median household income is described in the following section.

Pesch stated that the numbers in table seven are surprising and seem odd to him, specifically that the average manufacturing salary is higher than the average construction salary. Sielski will have SEWRPC double-check these numbers.

Olson suggested a comparison in table seven to compare wages in Washington County with other Counties in the region. Sielski will add that information into this table for comparison.

Milwaukee 7 reviewed and discussed. Pesch stated that the first sentence in this text is not really a complete sentence. Sielski has already noted this and it will be corrected.

Radermacher commented on growth projected in table 11, Health Services jobs. Need to anticipate and plan for meeting these needs. How can we help the Health Department prepare for certainties that are to come in the need for these services? Olson mentioned the Aging and Disabilities Resources Center that they are meeting about next week. Radermacher verified that there is a concern there. Sielski mentioned that it would be helpful in this table to also show percentage increases or decreases in the years to illustrate the growth or decline in these areas. (i.e. - Manufacturing decreasing, and Health Services increasing).

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming changes in Washington County due to the change in focus from manufacturing being the primary source of employment to services driven and healthcare, etc. Radermacher suggested a footnote. Sielski stated this will be reviewed in the goals and recommendations portion of the chapter. Radermacher emphasized the need to plan for these anticipated changes.

Part four will be coming at a later time. Sielski stated that this concludes the review of the Chapter 13 inventory.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Olson to accept the Chapter 13 inventory. Motion carried.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review of Countywide Visioning Workshop Results

Sielski referred the Committee to the Comprehensive Planning Visioning Workshop Results Handout (see attached).

Reviewed results from the six stations.

Also reviewed the housing and subdivision design slideshow composite, as well as other slideshow composites.

Schwartz stated that on page 14, slide 25 (waterfront), he doesn't understand the comment "okay but takes up too much land." Sielski agreed that the statement is confusing, but probably meant "too dense".

Pesch asked where the goals in Station 4 are from. Sielski clarified where the goals were taken from - in the text of adopted plans.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Brainstorming Session on County Goals

Sielski stated they will be providing an opportunity for feedback on issues. (See handouts provided) Sielski has met with various Committees to develop goals and recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan as they pertain to their committees.

Reviewed information on the WI Statues handout page. This page contains all of the Comprehensive Planning elements. The other handout contains the 14 Comprehensive Planning Goals.

Sielski is looking for recommendations that should be included in the Comprehensive Planning Elements Chapters over the next year. She stated that she should be finished with the other committee meetings by the second week in January. She further stated that she would like this committee to finish their brainstorming sessions by early January.

It will take much more time than we have today. Sielski wants the committee to thoroughly read over these pages and come up with feedback based on their individual responsibilities. The Committee came to a consensus to meet separately to have a 2-3 hour brainstorming session to tackle this thoroughly.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discuss future meeting dates and times

Next meeting date: 2nd week in January. **Friday, January 19th – 9:00 a.m. for brainstorming only.** At the January 19th meeting, the February meeting date will be determined.

Tentative date for February meeting: **February 23rd, 9:00 a.m.**

No other meetings anticipated until May.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment
None

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Hoffman seconded by Walter to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
David N. Radermacher, Chairperson

Date _____