

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
HOUSING, UTILITIES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
WORK GROUP
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Kuehn at 6:05 p.m. at the Washington County Public Agency Center in Rooms 1113A/B. Those present included:

Work Group Members Present:

Chris Kuehn, Chairperson Town of Wayne
Joe Gonnering, Vice Chairperson..... Washington County Board Supervisor
Gary Karnitz Town of Addison
Kris Turner Town of Barton
Brad Bautz Town of Erin
Dave Kainz Town of Hartford
Theodore Merten Town of Polk
Allen Hron Town of Kewaskum
Claire Fowler Town of Erin Citizen
Michael Heili Village of Newburg
Andy Gumm Utility Representative & EDAC Member
Ken Heins Kettle Moraine Applied Manufacturing Cluster Council
Kori Schneider Fair Housing Council
Jack Caldwell Washington County Economic Development Corp.
Craig Johnson Moraine Park Technical College

Excused:

Richard Bertram Washington County Board Supervisor
Gary Schreiber Town of Farmington
Mike Komro Town of Trenton
Bruce Wilk Workforce Development Board
Jerry Gilles Village of Kewaskum

Absent:

David Shapley School District Representative
James Nowakowski Village of Germantown Citizen
Therese Baron City of West Bend Citizen
James Arens Jr. Town of Germantown
Carol Biersach Slinger Housing Authority Director

Staff:

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

Nancy Anderson Chief Planner
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Joshua Glass Planner
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

Todd Roehl Planner
Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Kelly Hahm Administrative Secretary
Washington County Planning and Parks Department

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

Kuehn called meeting to order.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Approval of October 11, 2006

Motion by Caldwell, seconded by Kainz to approve the minutes from October 11, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Presentation of Washington County Economic Development Corporation (EDWC) strategic plan and the Milwaukee 7 Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan

Caldwell presented the Washington County Economic Development Corporation Strategic Plan for 2006 – 2007 and an overview of the regional economic development strategic planning effort currently underway, known as the Milwaukee 7 (See Attached). Discussion ensued on rising health care costs for employers and transportation issues of the workforce to and from Washington County. Sielski stated that Chapter IV – *Inventory of Existing Land Uses and Transportation Facilities and Services* will be distributed to the workgroup prior to the next meeting.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review Draft Chapter XIII – Inventory portion of the Economic Development Element

Roehl began presentation on the inventory portion of Chapter XIII – Economic Development Element. (See Attached). Johnson commented that the workgroup needs to be more proactive, instead of reactive in regards to attracting and creating businesses in the County. Fowler emphasized the need to keep home-based and small businesses in the area and economically viable. Heins stated that although the number of manufacturing jobs in the County has been decreasing in recent years, productivity has increased.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review of Economic Development Survey Results

Sielski highlighted key findings from the economic development study done by the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Oshkosh and the Center for Urban Initiatives and Research at UW-Milwaukee in February 2004. (See Attached). Sielski added that the full survey report, titled *Economic Development In Washington County: Views from Key Stakeholders*, is available for downloading from the County website.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

Heins asked if air transportation issues have been looked at in the County. Sielski replied that it will be part of the Transportation Element Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

Sielski presented the updated meeting schedule. (See Attached). The next meeting will be February 14, 2007. The following items will be reviewed: Countywide Goals and Objectives; Economic Development and Housing Goals and Objectives; and Chapter IV of the County comprehensive plan. Kuehn stated he will not be able to attend the January or February Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meetings. Caldwell volunteered to attend the January meeting and Gonnering will be attending the February meeting. Sielski reviewed the attendance procedure created by the Advisory Committee.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Hron, seconded by Fowler to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
Chris Kuehn, Chairperson

Date _____