WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
UTILITIES, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING WORK GROUP
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Kuehn at 6:03 p.m. at the Washington County Courthouse in Rooms 1020/1026. Those present included:

Work Group Members Present:

Chris Kuehn, Chairperson ..... Town of Wayne
Larry Hoffman, Vice Chairperson..... Washington County Board Supervisor
John Kohl ..... Washington County Board Supervisor
Kris Turner ..... Town of Barton
Gary Schreiber..... Town of Farmington
Allen Hron..... Town of Town of Kewaskum
Theodore Merten ..... Town of Polk
Mike Komro ..... Town of Trenton
Jerry Gilles ..... Village of Kewaskum
Claire Fowler..... Town of Erin Citizen
David Nixon ..... University of Wisconsin Washington County
Andy Gumm Utility Representative & EDAC Member
David Shapley ..... School District Representative
Ken Heins..... Applied Manufacturing Cluster Council Rep.
Kori Schneider..... Fair Housing Council

Excused:

Therese Baron..... City of West Bend Citizen

Absent:

Gary Karnitz ..... Town of Addison
Brad Bautz..... Town of Erin
Michael Heili..... Village of Newburg
James Arens..... Town of Germantown
Dave Kainz..... Town of Hartford
James Nowakowski ..... Village of Germantown Citizen
Carol Biersach ..... Local Housing Authority Representative
Bruce Wilk ..... Workforce Development Board

Staff:

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

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

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 September 14, 2005 Minutes

Motion by Gumm, seconded by Fowler to approve the minutes for September 14, 2005 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion of Ethics Code

Wagner emphasized the work group members to review the Ethics Code at the their leisure. (See Attached).

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Updated Tentative Agendas

Wagner informed that there were no changes for this work group for future tentative agendas.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Update of Countywide Survey

Wagner explained that they received 1 proposal for the survey. Wagner stated that the RFP was reviewed on October 6th and it was decided to go with Option A for the countywide survey. Discussion ensued on why Option B was not chosen.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Review Sample Questionnaires

Wagner briefly highlighted items in the sample surveys. (See Attached). Fowler suggested having questions that will give feedback.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Brainstorming Session for Survey Questions and Issues

Struck began brainstorming sessions and requested work group members to state issues related to Utilities, Community Facilities, Economic Development, and Housing. Gumm suggested to ask if someone own or rent and how long they have been in the County.

Housing Issues

1. Would you like persons who work in Washington County do want to live in Washington County
2. Maintenance of existing housing stock
3. Ability of older residents to remain in their home
4. Availability of rentals (Costs, location, special needs, etc)
5. Where to locate new housing? (rural, urban, maintain open space)
6. Appropriate densities
7. Better to build up, than out
8. Appropriate lot sizes
9. New growth: should it be on public sewer or private systems (Environmental issues)
10. Why do people like to live in Washington County?
11. Housing needs for the elderly at every life stage
12. Pg 103 #7 of the Walworth County Survey –related housing size and acreage size
13. Should new housing locations and densities accomidate public transportation routes and non-motorized transport?

Community Facilities Issues

1. Sufficient waste disposal facilities (landfills, etc.)
2. Ability to walk to school
3. Adequate recreation areas, especially for variety of activities
4. Development should adequately serviced, re: sewer and septic
5. Adequate amount of emergency personnel
6. Adequate health care facilities and staff
7. Accessibility of libraries and cultural facilities
8. Adequate communication infrastructure
9. Adequate public and private education (K-12 & University and Technical Colleges)
10. Adequate facilities to accommodate economic development
11. High cost of community facilities
12. Adequate water quantity and quality
13. Adequate number of parks

Utilities Issues

1. Expand existing corridors or create new corridors
2. Look at new septic technologies more closely rather than always relying on "the usual" solutions
3. Wider roadways? R/W ?
4. Tie new growth to existing corridors, or tie grow to existing corridors
5. Energy available to support future growth

5.5 Variety of energy options for rural areas

6. Assess the County's willingness to support renewable energy technologies
7. What areas are appropriate for renewables – and what types?

Economic Development Issues

1. Meaningful measurements need to be developed to measure the success or failure of economic development initiatives
2. Should developer or public bear costs of economic development infrastructures
3. How to accommodate home-based businesses
4. Locations of homes next to places of employment (to limit need for transportation)
5. Regional transportation system
6. Page 7, question 27 of Ozaukee County Survey
7. Org. support for new businesses
8. Adequate airport facilities
9. Where to site retail in relation to residential? Keep within urban area or on edge?
10. Adequate support for new businesses (ED, Loans, Etc.)

Schreiber commented that it is inappropriate to ask the question: how much you make?

Questions

#3 on page 2 of the Ozaukee County
Quality of life and what it means to the respondent
At what level of government should various services/programs be addressed?
Do you feel Washington County is growing too fast?

Heins suggested asking a question in the survey if the respondent would be interested in filling out a written survey.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment

No comments given.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Discussion Regarding Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be on November 9, 2005 with discussion regarding the S.W.O.T. analysis.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS: Adjournment

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Kohl to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debora Sielski
Assistant Administrator for Planning

Approved by _____
Chris Kuehn, Chairperson

Date _____