

Minutes of the First Meeting
Racine County Comprehensive Planning Project

DATE: August 31, 2006

TIME: 6:30pm

PLACE: Racine County Ives Grove Auditorium
14200 Washington Ave
Sturtevant, WI

Attendance:

Richard Goetsch, Town of Dover
Connie Mellem, Village of North Bay
Terry McMahon, Town of Yorkville
Paul Ryan, Town of Raymond
David Lecus, Town of Raymond
Phil Peterson, Town of Burlington
Mike Weinkauff, Town of Rochester
Matt Sadowski, City of Racine
Dave Schilling, SEWRPC
Julie Anderson, Racine County Planning & Development

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by circulating a sign-up sheet.

2. Committee Structure

It was decided that due to lack of attendance, the Chair & Vice Chair would be selected at a future meeting, hopefully the Sept 21 meeting.

3. Review of “kick-off” meeting minutes

Minutes of the July 13, 2006 kick-off meeting were provided for information only.

4. Review of public participation plan

Dave Schilling described the draft public participation plan. This is a very important piece of the plan document, since it lays the foundation for the rest of the plan process. The Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee (MJAC) will consist of 18 members, plus one County Board Supervisor.

Discussion was held about the UW-Extension Community Planning Educator position that was posted to assist both Racine and Kenosha counties with their smart growth planning process. This person will work with both Racine and Kenosha counties (20

hours per week for each county) on their public participation plans and who will help coordinate the meetings and surveys. Interviews are going to be held on Sept 19, 2006 with the hope that this person will be starting work shortly thereafter. This position is being funded with a grant that is separate from the Racine County DOA Smart Growth Grant, and this position has no levy impact.

Further discussion was held about making smart growth a monthly agenda item for each municipality so the representative could report back about chapters and other work being done by the MJAC. Mr. Goetsch asked about the ad hoc committees, and it was decided that when the chapter of discussion called for additional experts or other stakeholders to be present, that this would be arranged in advance of the scheduled meeting for that Chapter. It was decided that, although there should not be an exhaustive number of meetings for the MJAC to complete the Smart Growth plan, it is important to keep all representatives and stakeholders informed of the progress and status of the plan preparation.

Discussion was held on bullet point Number 3 on page 2 of the public participation plan. The wording would be changed to indicate that the MJAC representative would act as the “messenger” for the municipality, since the logistics of having County and SEWRPC staff attend 18 separate meetings (one for each municipality) would be impossible due to timing of the regularly scheduled MJAC meetings.

Where the plan report chapters call for countywide meetings, it was decided that to have collective meetings east and west of I-94 instead of at each separate municipality.

5. Review of comprehensive plan report outline

Dave Schilling reviewed the proposed outline. There was one question relative to when the survey would be done. The survey will be done in preparation for Chapter VIII of the plan report.

6. Other business

Dave Schilling reminded the MJAC that each municipality has the option to request an individual plan document for their own purposes. This will cost extra money to complete, perhaps approximately \$10,000, at the cost of the individual requesting municipality. Each municipality will soon be asked to decide whether or not they wish to have a freestanding plan document.

7. Determination of next meeting date

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at the Racine County Ives Grove Auditorium on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 630pm. Julie Anderson indicated that the pre-established Oct & Nov meeting dates would have to be changed due to County budget meetings. Those dates will be determined by the September 21 meeting date.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8pm.

Minutes submitted by Julie Anderson