

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting
Racine County Comprehensive Plan Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee

DATE: February 15, 2007

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

Attendance:

Mary Kacmarcik, Committee Chair, Town of Waterford
 Connie Mellem, Committee Vice-Chair, Village of North Bay
 Jim Celano, Town of Dover
 Don Charlier, Town of Norway
 Rebecca Ewald, Village of Waterford
 Brennan Kane, Village of Mt. Pleasant
 Tom Kramer, Town of Norway
 Ron Meyer, Village of Mt. Pleasant
 James Moyer, Town of Yorkville
 David Pattengale, Village of Rochester
 Phil Peterson, Town of Burlington
 Tom Roanhouse, Village of Waterford
 Colin Sadler, Town of Raymond
 Bill Schalk, Village of Wind Point
 Audrey Viau, Village of Elmwood Park
 Mike Weinkauf, Town of Rochester
 Tom Moes, SEWRPC
 Dave Schilling, SEWRPC
 Julie Anderson, Racine County Planning & Development
 Kristen Lie, Racine County UW-Extension

1. Roll Call

Chairman Kacmarcik called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Roll call was taken by circulating a sign-up sheet.

2. Approval of November 30, 2006, meeting minutes

James Moyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Connie Mellem. Upon a voice vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Review of preliminary draft of Chapter III, "Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources," of SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 301, *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035*

Dave Schilling reviewed the information in the preliminary draft of the chapter. He went through the chapter's maps and tables for the chapter's various components. The Federal Census of Agriculture provided much of the data about the county's agriculture. Jim Celano and Mike Weinkauf engaged in a brief discussion of the Farmland Preservation Program tax credit and other farmland preservation programs, including PDR/TDR. Jim Celano asked about Racine County's attitude towards rezoning farmland. Julie Anderson explained that the county understood the need for preserving farmland but also had to consider the pressure for urban development, and that the County did not have an overall attitude,

but rather, looked at situations on a case-by-case basis. Dave Schilling reviewed the rest of the chapter, including information on natural and cultural resources. He informed MJAC that updated information about local park and open sites needed to be gathered to complete the chapter. SEWRPC will be sending data collection surveys to each municipality. The mailing list will be compiled by SEWRPC and Racine County staff.

A motion to accept the preliminary chapter subject to updates and corrections was made by Mike Weinkauff and seconded by Phil Peterson. Upon a voice vote, Chapter III was approved.

4. Introduction of UW-Extension Kenosha-Racine Community Planning Educator

Julie Anderson introduced Kristen Lie, the UW-Extension Community Planning Educator, and explained that the position was divided between Racine and Kenosha Counties. She also informed the MJAC that the position was funded by a separate grant, through UW-Extension.

Kristen Lie distributed a preliminary survey draft, including a proposed survey timeline. Dave Schilling informed the MJAC that the timeline was designed to have results analysis available in time for the Racine County Fair (July 25-29, 2007). Julie Anderson also commented that Racine County's comprehensive planning grant proposal included a 4H/youth-involvement component, which would tie in with the Fair. The MJAC briefly looked over the survey draft. Some discussion was held about the survey sample, including how the mailing list would be generated, how many surveys would be needed to be statistically significant, and how to ensure that the survey was representative of the county. Concerns were also raised about the length of the survey, the wording of the questions, and whether the questions adequately covered the nine planning elements.

The MJAC opted to take the preliminary survey for further examination, and to contact Kristen Lie with their comments by February 23, 2007. Utilizing these comments, a second draft will be developed and sent to the MJAC for review before the March 15th meeting. Kristen Lie will contact UW-Extension survey specialists and present more information about the sampling process at the next meeting.

5. Other Business

Dave Schilling informed the MJAC that there were two issues each municipality needed to address: 1. adoption of the Racine County Public Participation Plan, and 2. whether the municipality wanted a separate comprehensive plan. He stated that memos had been sent to the municipalities regarding both issues, but he had not received much response. He reminded the MJAC that every municipality has the option of creating and adopting its own public participation plan. A second memo will be sent to the municipalities that have not yet responded.

6. Determination of next meeting date

Julie Anderson announced that the next meetings would take place on the third Thursdays for the upcoming months: March 15, 2007, April 19, 2007 and May 17, 2007. The meetings will be held at the Racine County Ives Grove Auditorium at 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

The community survey will be the main agenda item for the March meeting.

7. Adjournment

On a motion made by Dave Pattengale and seconded by Audrey Viau, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.