

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

DATE: July 19, 2007

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

Attendance:

Connie Mellem, Committee Vice-Chair, Village of North Bay
Audrey Viau, Village of Elmwood Park
James Moyer, Town of Yorkville
David Pattengale, Village of Rochester
Tom Roanhouse, Village of Waterford
Gary Hansen, Village of Union Grove
Ken Hall, Racine County Board
Mike Weinkauff, Town of Rochester
Pete Christensen, Village of Wind Point
Matt Sadowski, City of Racine
Phil Peterson, Town of Burlington
Tom Kramer, Town of Norway
Don Charlier, Town of Norway
Ingrid Tiegel, Mt. Pleasant Plan Commission
Tom Moes, SEWRPC
Julie Anderson, Racine County Planning & Development
Kristen Lie, Racine County UW-Extension

Excused: Mary Kacmarcik

1. Roll Call

Vice-Chair Connie Mellem called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Roll call was taken by circulating a sign-up sheet.

2. Approval of June 21, 2007 meeting minutes

Phil Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Mike Weinkauff. Upon a voice vote, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Review of Countywide public opinion survey

Kristen Lie presented preliminary results from the countywide comprehensive plan public opinion survey, including public input on issues such as quality of life in Racine County, housing, transportation, land use, utilities, and community facilities. The presentation was based on the initial 583 surveys that had been returned by the requested date; an additional 7 survey responses will be included prior to the completion of a final report. Ms. Lie will create a summary of the survey results for distribution at the County Fair.

Julie Anderson reminded the Advisory Committee that the public opinion survey was only one of many tools being used to secure public participation in the comprehensive plan, and that the results were not binding. Phil Peterson noted that the survey can provide validation for later discussion of the plan elements. Tom Roanhouse questioned whether enough surveys had been returned for the results to be statistically significant. Kristen Lie confirmed that there was sufficient response for the results to be statistically significant.

4. Racine County Fair smart growth informational booth

A sign-up volunteer sheet was circulated for MJAC members who might want to staff the smart growth information table at the Racine County Fair. Kristen Lie stated that the table will be located in the Commercial Building, next to the land conservation table. Maps, fact sheets, and newsletters will be available; there will also be sign-up sheets for people who would like more information about the planning process. Tom Moes noted that the County Fair was an excellent opportunity to provide education and raise awareness of the comprehensive planning process in Racine. Kristen Lie will send out an e-mail with further information about the County Fair to volunteers at the beginning of next week, finalizing the schedule and providing contact information as necessary.

5. Fall public informational open house meeting

Kristen Lie contacted Burlington Town Hall, Rochester Village and Town Hall, and Waterford Public Library, based on the suggestions during the previous MJAC meeting. A schedule of open dates was presented to the MJAC. Phil Peterson noted that it would be best to hold the open house meeting on a night when there were no other municipal meetings scheduled, so that more elected officials would be able to attend.

Discussion ensued about how to schedule the two open houses, potential locations in the Eastern part of the County, and promotion of the meetings. Suggestions for venues in Eastern Racine County included: Caledonia municipal building, Mt. Pleasant municipal building, Sturtevant municipal building, and Gateway Technical College. Dave Pattengale questioned whether there should also be an open house in central Racine County, possibly in the Ives Grove auditorium. The MJAC generally agreed to this idea, and Julie Anderson noted that the open house could take the place of the regularly scheduled MJAC meeting on September 20, 2007. Ms. Anderson also reported that she had been asked to speak about the comprehensive plan at an upcoming Wisconsin Towns Association meeting in August, and she can promote the open house meetings at that time. Ken Hall noted that the open house meetings might provide good information that could be taped and broadcast on cable access for those who are not able to attend. Mr. Hall also reported that taping the meeting would not be expensive; all that would be required is someone to handle the camera equipment.

Julie Anderson stated that she, Dave Schilling, Tom Moes and Kristen Lie would discuss the open house meeting format, determine appropriate dates, times and locations, and report back to the MJAC at the August meeting.

6. Other Business

Connie Mellem asked about the progress of the Housing Sub-Committee. Tom Moes reported that the letter of invitation had been drafted by SEWRPC, and Julie Anderson stated that it would be sent to the selected representatives early next week. Mr. Moes noted that housing sub-committee meetings were still expected to begin in the third week of August.

5. Determination of next meeting date

Julie Anderson announced that the next meeting would take place on August 16, 2007. The meeting will be held at the Racine County Ives Grove Auditorium at 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

6. Adjournment

On a motion made by James Moyer and seconded by Dave Pattengale, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.