

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

**DATE:** August 16, 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  
James Moyer, Town of Yorkville  
Ken Hall, Racine County Board  
Pete Christensen, Village of Wind Point  
Bill Schalk, Village of Wind Point  
Phil Peterson, Town of Burlington  
Viki Peterson, Town of Burlington  
Tom Kramer, Town of Norway  
Ray Gromacki, Town of Dover  
Mary Kacmarcik, Chair, Town of Waterford  
Dave Schilling, SEWRPC  
Tom Moes, SEWRPC  
Julie Anderson, Racine County Planning & Development  
Kristen Lie, Racine County UW-Extension

**Excused:** Ron Meyer, Audrey Viau, David Pattengale

**1. Roll Call**

Mary Karmarcik called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Roll call was taken by circulating a sign-up sheet.

**2. Approval of July 17, 2007 meeting minutes**

Ken Hall 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 VI, "Inventory of Existing Plans and Ordinances," of SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 301, *A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035***

Dave Schilling reviewed the information presented in Draft Chapter VI of the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan. The information included an inventory of regional plans, county and multi-jurisdictional plans, and city, town and village plans, and an inventory of existing zoning and subdivision regulations for Racine County communities. The 2035 Regional Land Use Plan contains recommendations to guide development in the 7-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region, including guidance for urban development, prime agricultural land, other agricultural and rural-density lands, and environmental corridors. The 2035 Regional Transportation Plan consists of several elements: arterial streets and highways (functional and jurisdictional recommendations); public transit; bicycle and pedestrian facilities; transportation systems management; and travel demand. Other regional plans included the Natural Areas Plan, Water Quality Management Plan, forthcoming Water Supply Plan, and forthcoming Telecommunications Plan.

Ken Hall asked whether the current farmland and environmental corridor protection efforts in the County were sufficient. Dave Schilling and Julie Anderson agreed that, overall, the efforts to protect environmental corridors had been effective. Brief discussion ensued about farmland preservation programs, the difficulties of classifying prime agricultural land,

efforts at the village and town level to preserve farmland, and various factors that impact the value of agriculture. Mr. Hall requested that Julie Anderson keep him informed about farmland and environmental corridor issues.

Local plans described in Draft Chapter VI included land use, master or neighborhood plans, cooperative boundary agreements and open space plans. Chapter VI also contains information on zoning ordinances, the floodplain map modernization program, extraterritorial platting, erosion control and stormwater management, land division regulations and official mapping ordinances.

A motion to approve Draft Chapter VI was made by Ken Hall and seconded by Ray Gromacki. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Racine County Fair smart growth informational booth**

Julie Anderson reported that the Racine County Fair Smart Growth informational booth had been a worthwhile effort, as it provided information regarding the plan to people who might not ordinarily attend MJAC meetings or public meetings. She further stated that the Smart Growth project intended to have an informational booth at the Fair in 2008. Ms. Anderson then thanked MJAC members who had volunteered during the Fair and asked that they contact either herself or Kristen Lie in order to submit reimbursement requests for their entrance fee.

#### **5. Fall public informational open house meeting**

Kristen Lie reported that Wednesday, September 12, 2007 had been set for the informational open house meeting in western Racine County. After some discussion, it was determined that the meeting would take place at the Waterford Public Library, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Rebecca Ewald stated that she would handle the reservation of the library community room. The format of the meeting was also briefly discussed, and it was decided that Dave Schilling, Julie Anderson, Tom Moes and Kristen Lie would formalize the meeting format at a later time.

Kristen Lie then reported that the public meeting for central Racine County was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007 in the Ives Grove Auditorium. This meeting will take the place of the usual MJAC meeting. Julie Anderson suggested that the open house meeting start at 5:30 PM and end at 7:30 PM, to which the MJAC agreed.

Ms. Lie then stated that a meeting date and location had not yet been established for Eastern Racine County. Julie Anderson reported that Eastside Community Center was one possible location. Connie Mellem suggested the Lake Michigan Room at the Racine Campus of Gateway Technical College. Bill Schalk mentioned the Olympia Brown School, and offered to assist in securing its reservation. Ms. Anderson stated that she and Kristen Lie would continue to explore possibilities, and a likely meeting date was Thursday, September 27, 2007.

#### **6. Other Business**

Julie Anderson reported that the invitational letters for potential members of the Housing Sub-Committee had not yet been sent, but that they would be mailed soon.

Ken Hall asked if a summary of survey results was available. Kristen Lie reported that the final survey report was in progress, and materials regarding the survey will be available by the end of the month.

#### **7. Determination of next meeting date**

Julie Anderson announced that the public open house meetings would be taking the place of the regularly scheduled MJAC meeting in September, and that due to County budget meetings, there would be no October MJAC meeting. The next meeting will therefore take place on November 15, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ives Grove Auditorium.

#### **8. Adjournment**

On a motion made by Ken Hall and seconded by Phil Peterson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.