

## Minutes

### Winnebago Towns-County Planning Committee

June 28, 2001

7:05 PM

Chairman Ray Batley opened the meeting with introductions and an attendance sheet circulated.

A legal question of open meetings was considered and it was decided that these meeting dates may be posted throughout the towns and various school districts even though a quorum for that entity is not present.

Mike Koles gave a brief history of the Winnebago County plan. Reference was made to the gray sheet in the blue book regarding planning to plan. Tonight's agenda includes discussion on vision and values. We also hope to break into discussion groups regarding urban area needs and rural area needs. Groups would form according to common bond and interest.

Mike Schlimm reported for the subcommittee regarding their work on a vision statement for the comprehensive planning process. They met on June 18th and again on June 27th. See the Subcommittee report for details. Mike S. explained that they reviewed the original Core Values and agreed with all of them except the "We value...the recognition of owner rights in balance with community rights." The Winnebago County A Vision for our Future was also largely agreed with. A discussion regarding this committee's recommendation followed.

Mike Koles conducted a work session on the Committee's Vision. Members were asked to write down five things that they would like to see in the Vision statement from this committee. The following statements are taken from that session with some weighting added according to replication:

We Envision.....

- ◇ protect the natural resources
- ◇ maintain a quality education
- ◇ open space
- ◇ intergovernmental cooperation

**We envision continued....**

- ◇ **effective public transit system**
- ◇ **well developed pedestrian/bike paths connecting the whole county**
- ◇ **owners rights balanced with community rights**
- ◇ **small compact development integrated with open/green space**
- ◇ **land use and owner stewardship**
- ◇ **development of natural recreation based resources**
- ◇ **rural agricultural area maintained in large areas**
- ◇ **orderly commercial and industrial and residential development that supports a good business base and economy**
- ◇ **historical presentation of unique community characteristics**
- ◇ **provision of housing for all income levels**
- ◇ **healthy urban and rural economies**
- ◇ **reasonable and equitable taxes/services**

Regarding the original county Vision statement, there was discussion regarding the line item "High moral standards" and the need to include that in the committee's vision statement. There was also discussion regarding adding to our vision statement "Small areas with high population".

Mike Koles volunteered to prepare a vision statement for the committee based on our "vision" items. This will be done soon and mailed to all participants for review at the next meeting. Next meeting date is July 31, 2001 (Monday) at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted, John Hinkfuss, Secretary