

Minutes

Winnebago Towns-County Planning Committee

July 30, 2001

7:05 PM

Chairman Ray Batley opened the meeting with comments regarding posting the meetings. The attorney has not rendered an opinion as of *this date*.

Introductions were again made for purposes of identity. It is apparent that the cities (Neenah, Menasha, Oskosh, Omro) are not represented. Three towns are also not represented. A suggestion was made that ideally for-profit (realtors) and non-profit groups should also be invited. Ray Batley will contact three towns (Utica, Algoma, and Wolf River) and again give them a personal invitation to be involved for the next meeting.

Discussion about Core Values and Vision Statements that were to be presented to the various towns and what the reaction/comments were. The Core Value statement received little feed-back and seemed in line with the original Comprehensive Plan (County). The committee was asked to sign in agreement as being acceptable.

Discussion on the Vision Statement centered on the transportation statement and was changed to read... "effective public transportation system, including public transit, automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle, connecting the county." There was a consensus of approval and each member of the committee was asked to sign in agreement.

The committee split into two groups of appropriate interest: one for rural towns and the other urban towns.

The group leader for urban towns is Frank Frassetto. The following remarks are highlights from the urban towns group discussion. Focus was on intergovernmental cooperation, collaborative planning, border agreements, and boundary agreements. The urban towns group was encouraged to model their thoughts after the St. Croix County Mission Statement (buff sheet). It reads... "Where cooperation, communication, respect and involvement between all units of government and citizens will foster a sense of community and land stewardship to maintain for the future, the quality of life we now enjoy."

Discussion continued on the concept of orderly growth:

- ◇ infill development
- ◇ no leapfrogging
- ◇ contiguous zoning
- ◇ concurrency (no development until services are available)

Further discussion involved small compact developments with open green spaces, and conservation/cluster subdivisions. Parks were also discussed in conjunction with these developments. Discussion on the definition of "compact" seems to mean the size of the lot. The urban towns group needed more time to complete their discussion and will meet at 6 PM on August 30th.

The rural towns group lead by Martin Johnson completed their discussion and will present their planning ideas in a separate statement.

Next regular meeting date is August 30th, 2001 at 7 PM, Urban Towns group to meet at 6 PM.

Committee members are to read the Housing Wisconsin booklet in preparation for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Secretary John *A.*