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Minutes

Winnebago Towns/County Planning Committee

July 25th, 2002
5:00 PM



Bert Stitt began the meeting with introductions by the members. Discussion was then opened regarding a review and impressions of the Saturday bus tour held on July 20th. A summary round of the tour from the northern part of the county in the AM to the southern part of the county in the PM is as follows:

There is concern about development, the tour was a positive experience, received valuable criticism (about the tour), people didn't want to waste time on the bus, volunteers should have the ability to say no, enforcement of ordinances in towns is very personal (dealing with our neighbors) and not easy, enforcement of ordinances in cities is more of a business decision (impersonal), town leaders don't always have the knowledge and information to move ahead on issues (like land use).

Bert summarized his visit with the Town of Wolf River; one of the principle concerns there was property rights. There are times when property rights and community rights conflict. We need a way to resolve these issues.

Discussion was held on the schedule time line. It was suggested that four major public meetings be held; September '02, January '03, March, May.
Tent meetings – bring people together of similar understanding of information.
Town meetings – bring people together of variable (less) understanding together for info.
We should understand that everyone has a plan or idea and we need to get them together and keep going through the plans of land use issues – it becomes a process. We should be able to resolve and improve our understanding of each other with each meeting. After much discussion there should be a memorandum of understanding.

Bert suggested a workshop on mediation which will have to be scheduled and coordinated.

Closing Rounds: We are about Land Use and Intergovernmental cooperation. This is slow going, a step forward, back next time, opportunity to better the community, group cooperation, need to be more specific, and encouraged about mediation workshop.

Next meeting to be held on August ²²~~29~~, 2002 at 7 PM at the Winneconne Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 00 PM

Respectfully submitted John Hinkfuss Secretary *JH*