

**Kenosha County
Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (MJAC)
("Smart Growth")**

MEETING MINUTES

January 30, 2007

Present: See Attached Sign In Sheet

Fred Ekornaas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Rich Gossling to approve the November 28, 2006 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Holloway and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

Status of County and Local Adoptions of the Public participation Plan: John Roth, County Planning Manager, noted that all of the participating local governments and the County had their respective governing bodies adopt the Public Participation Plan Resolutions. He also noted that the resolutions would be forwarded to the State along with the November/December Progress Report.

Review of Chapter III, "Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources" of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: Jesse Gotz, SEWRPC, conducted a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the information contained in Chapter III of the Kenosha County Comprehensive Plan. The information included Soil Properties, Agricultural Resources, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources. John Holloway questioned the NCRS soil capability class information in the Chapter and requested that the newer LE values be added to the chapter as well. Revisions for the Town of Salem and Town of Somers was noted regarding park lands. Jeff Labahn noted that a letter had been sent to SEWRPC noting comments and revisions to be made to their information in Chapter III.

Motion was made by Jeff Butler, seconded by Dennis Faber, to adopt Chapter III with changes and comments as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Preparation of Local Government Reports: Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC, noted the options for local comprehensive plan reports: 1) adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional (County) plan report (no cost to community); 2) local government can compile and print report using digital files of text, tables, figures and maps provided by SEWRPC (local staff time to compile report and printing/copying costs; no charge for digital files from SEWRPC); or 3) local governments can contract with SEWRPC to compile and/or print report (costs to local government for SEWRPC staff time, maps, and printing of individual reports). She asked that the local governments discuss these options with their respective Plan Commissions and/or Boards in February and to let her know their preference at the February meeting.

Citizen Comments: None

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: It was noted that Chapter IV had been mailed and e-mailed today so that it could be reviewed by local plan commissions and town and village boards during February and by the MJAC at the February meeting.

Annie Jones, UW-Extension Community Educator, introduced Kristen Lie, Community Planning Educator. Annie noted that grant funds had been awarded to UW-Extension for a shared Community Planning Educator and that Kristen would begin to fulfill the duties and responsibilities for this position as of February 1, 2007. The position will be shared in that Kristen will work part-time for both Kenosha and Racine counties on comprehensive planning related issues providing coordinating support and items related to the Public Participation Plan. The MJAC Committee members welcomed Kristen aboard.

Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC, noted that a countywide kick-off meeting for the Public Participation Plan would be held March 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Kenosha County Center. The tentative plan for this meeting will be that a PowerPoint presentation describing the process will be given and then attendees will break out into smaller groups for a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis and brainstorming, as a way to identify issues to be discussed at the Kenosha County Café. The anticipated date for the Kenosha County Café meeting is Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the Kenosha County Center.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2007 – Preliminary topics of discussion will include but not be limited to review and discussion of Chapter IV.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rich Gossling, seconded by John Holloway and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April A. Webb, Administrative Secretary
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Approved February 27, 2007