

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2007

**Present:** See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Fred Ekornaas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by John Holloway to approve the January 30, 2007 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Morris and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

**Review and possible action on Chapter IV, “Inventory of Existing Land Uses and Transportation Facilities and Services,” of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County:** Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC, conducted a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the information contained in Chapter IV of the Kenosha County Comprehensive Plan. The information included Historic Urban Growth, Existing Land Uses (Urban and Non-Urban), Recent Development, Transportation Facilities and Services, Public Transportation, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. Ms. Anderson noted that the information in Chapter IV was an inventory of existing land uses and transportation facilities and services. She noted that the land use maps in Chapter IV are from 2000, and that SEWRPC will update the maps this year before the scheduled summer meetings with each participating local community. She also explained that Chapter VI (expected to be reviewed in May 2007) will contain a summary of SEWRPC’s 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan for Kenosha County, which includes recommendations for future development.

Nancy Washburn reported that she had sent additional information to Jesse Gotz regarding the table of subdivisions recorded between 2000 and 2006. Ms. Anderson noted that Jeffery Labahn had also provided additional data for subdivisions in the City of Kenosha, and Peggy Herrick stated that she had additional information for subdivisions in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Ms Anderson requested that other MJAC members contact her if they had other information for Chapter IV.

Motion was made by John Holloway, seconded by Jerry Helmert, to adopt Chapter IV with changes and comments as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**Review and Discussion of Kickoff Meeting (March 21 – 6:30 pm) and Kenosha County Café (May 12 – 9:30 a.m.):** Nancy Anderson briefly outlined the plans for the Kickoff Meeting and the Kenosha County Café, explaining that these are the first two meetings intended to foster much wider public participation in order to help identify issues, goals and objectives for Kenosha County. Ms. Anderson reported that the countywide kickoff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007, from 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Kenosha County Center Hearing Room. The meeting will begin with a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation about the comprehensive planning process and legal requirements. After the presentation, attendants will break out into smaller groups for a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) workshop, and then reconvene to prioritize the

top five issues in each category. Ms. Anderson also noted that a newsletter including information about the Public Participation Plan and upcoming meetings will be printed next week, and 30 copies will be distributed to each of the participating local governments. They will also be sent to the County Board and libraries. Ms. Anderson requested that MJAC members contact her if more copies were needed in their jurisdiction.

Ms. Anderson then reported that the Kenosha County Café is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2007, with registration starting at 9:30 am, in the atrium of the Kenosha County Center. She briefly explained the Café as a method of fostering in-depth discussion among small groups in a short period of time, leading to the generation of a shared vision for the County. She added that Annie Jones, UW-Extension Community Educator, will facilitate the Café and will provide more information about the process at the April MJAC meeting. Ms. Anderson explained that 100 people will be invited to participate in the Café. She then identified some of the targeted stakeholder groups, including local governments, school boards, environmental groups, the farming community, business/economic developers, realtors, historical societies, museums, university and colleges and health care. She asked MJAC members to contact Kristen Lie, UW-Extension Community Planning Educator, if they had suggestions for Café participants.

John Holloway questioned whether members of the MJAC should attend the Café as their input was already secured through the committee meetings and the meeting is intended to gather input from a wider audience. John Roth encouraged MJAC members to participate, stating that the planning process thus far has been focused on inventories of existing data, services and land uses, while the Café will be a starting point for looking at projections and future development.

**Local Government Reports:** Nancy Anderson stated that she will be in contact with interested local governments about preparing their local comprehensive plan reports.

**Revised Meeting Schedule and Information/Distribution of Chapter V:** Nancy Anderson reported that Jesse Gotz has resigned from SEWRPC, and that a replacement would likely be found soon. Ms. Anderson then reviewed the revised meeting schedule, explaining that there would not be a March meeting because Chapter V was not yet ready for distribution.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Any Other Business Allowed by Law:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 24, 2007 (no March meeting) – Preliminary topics of discussion will include but not be limited to review and discussion of Chapter V, discussion of the Kenosha County Kickoff Meeting and the Kenosha County Café.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Faber, seconded by Bill Morris and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Lie, Kenosha/Racine Community Planning Educator  
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Approved April 24, 2007