

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

June 26, 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 Rich Gossling to approve the April 24, 2007 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Morris and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

**Continued review and possible action on Chapter V, “Inventory of Existing Utilities and Community Facilities,” of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County:** Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC, briefly reviewed the changes made to Draft Chapter V since the March MJAC meeting. Changes included a note on Map 1 and an indication in the text that the Paris Town Board did not adopt the Greater Kenosha planned sewer service area and did not support inclusion of its lands in the sewer service area; information about Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems; and the addition of two summary tables of utility services and community facilities in participating local communities.

Jean Werbie and Dennis Faber reported that their Village Board and Town Planning Commission, respectively, would be reviewing this chapter and Draft Chapter VI at upcoming meetings. A motion was made by Dennis Faber to approve Draft Chapter V, subject to changes. It was seconded by Rich Gossling, and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

**Review and possible action on Chapter VI, “Existing Plans and Ordinances,” of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County:** Nancy Anderson conducted a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the information in Draft Chapter VI of the Kenosha County Comprehensive Plan. The information included an inventory of regional plans, county and multi-jurisdictional plans, and city, town and village plans, and an inventory of existing zoning and subdivision regulations for Kenosha County communities. The 2035 Regional Land Use Plan contains recommendations to guide development in the 7-county Southeastern Wisconsin Region, including guidance for urban development, prime agricultural land, other agricultural and rural-density lands, and environmental corridors. The 2035 Regional Transportation Plan consists of several elements: arterial streets and highways (functional and jurisdictional recommendations); public transit; bicycle and pedestrian facilities; transportation systems management; and travel demand. Other regional plans included the Natural Areas Plan, Water Quality Management Plan, forthcoming Water Supply Plan, and forthcoming Telecommunications Plan.

County and multi-jurisdictional plans included the Kenosha Urban Planning District Plan; the Town of Randall and Village of Twin Lakes Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan; the Kenosha County Park

and Open Space Plan; the Kenosha County Farmland Preservation Plan; the Land and Water Resources Plan; the Des Plaines River Watershed Plan; the Flood Mitigation Plan for Kenosha County; and the Kenosha County Economic Summit Report.

Local plans included land use, master or neighborhood plans in the City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie, and Towns of Paris, Bristol, Salem and Somers. The Villages of Paddock Lake and Silver Lake and the Town of Randall have adopted comprehensive plans. Other local plans include cooperative boundary agreements and open space plans. Chapter VI also contains information on zoning ordinances, the floodplain map modernization program, extraterritorial platting, erosion control and stormwater management, land division regulations and official mapping ordinances.

A motion to approve Draft Chapter VI, subject to changes, was made by Dennis Faber and seconded by Rich Gossling. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Report on Kenosha County Café, held on May 12, 2007:** Kristen Lie reported that approximately 35 people participated in the Kenosha County Café last month. John Roth stated that he felt the Café was a good experience for participants. Annie Jones also noted that there was good diversity, in terms of age and communities represented. Sandie Hansen and Katrina Wardrip stated that they enjoyed the format of the Café, and how it encouraged participation from everyone. Ms. Wardrip then asked when the ideas gathered at the Café would be utilized in the comprehensive plan. Nancy Anderson responded that they would be incorporated in the Issues and Opportunities Element, and would be helpful when developing the vision, goals and objectives for the County and for each local community. Annie Jones also reported that the Café was being televised on Channel 14.

**Status Report on staffing, schedule, community base maps, and public meetings in participating local governments:** John Roth reported that the Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development is currently undergoing organizational changes. Andy Buehler has taken the position of Director of Planning Operations, while John Roth is now Director of Long Range Countywide Planning. Mr. Roth also announced that the department hopes to hire a full-time planner to work on the multi-jurisdictional Smart Growth plan in the near future.

Nancy Anderson introduced Richard Kania, SEWRPC, who will be assuming responsibility for the day-to-day supervision of the Kenosha County comprehensive planning process. Mr. Kania explained the process for developing base maps for the County and for each local community. The base maps hopefully will be distributed in July, and Mr. Kania asked that MJAC members verify the accuracy of their community's map and bring corrections and comments to the August MJAC meeting.

Nancy Anderson reported that public meetings would take place in each participating local community. These meetings will likely occur in September/October 2007, when a planner has been hired by the County. Ms. Anderson stated that MJAC members will be contacted to schedule a local meeting and to discuss the meeting format.

**Citizen Comments:** None

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

**Next Meeting Date:** Fred Ekornaas announced that the next meeting would be held on August 28, 2007 at 2:00 PM in the Kenosha County Center Hearing Room.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Rich Gossling, seconded by Jeff Labahn, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Kristen Lie, Kenosha/Racine Community Planning Educator  
Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development

Approved: 8/28/2007