

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2006

Present: See Attached Sign In Sheet

John Roth, County Planning Manager, called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Committee members, alternates and the public were briefed on the seating arrangements for this and future MJAC meetings, noting that the representatives will be seated at the head table and alternates and non-voting members will be seated at the front of the public seating section.

Selection of Chairman and Vice Chair: Mr. Roth called for nominations for the position of MJAC chairman.

Rich Gossling nominated Fred Ekornaas for the position of MJAC chairman. Mr. Ekornaas accepted the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members.

Supervisor Ekornaas was seated as Chairman to preside for the remainder of the meeting.

Chairman Ekornaas called for nominations for the position of MJAC vice chairman.

Jeffrey Butler nominated Bill Morris for the position of MJAC vice chairman. Mr. Morris accepted the nomination. The nomination was approved unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members.

Stakeholders Role in the Planning Process: Discussion ensued with the majority of the representatives in agreement that stakeholders should be included on the MJAC, but as non-voting members; and that it was appropriate that the original ten members of the Committee who participated in the Grant process and secured the Smart Growth Grant funds and who must adopt the plan at the end of the process should hold the voting positions on the Committee. The stakeholders are encouraged to participate and provide input to the Committee on their specific issues as those issues are scheduled on future agendas.

Rich Gossling made a motion that the stakeholders of the MJAC would be non-voting participants in the comprehensive planning process. The motion was seconded by Tom Kerkman and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members.

Identification of Potential Stakeholders: The Committee reviewed a list of potential stakeholders, or “Interest Group Membership.” Stakeholders would be from such interest groups as the farming community, environmental, builders, realtors, business/economic development, highways, transit, schools and a citizen. Mr. Roth noted that he had received a list of potential farming community representatives from Dan Treloar, SEWRPC Land & Water Conservationist Specialist and that a representative from Mastercraft Builders might be a prospect to represent the building community. Jean Werbie suggested Katrina Wardrip of the Kenosha/Racine Land Trust as an environmentalist prospect and noted that a second environmental position might be from the local chapter of the WI Nature Conservancy. Mr. Roth also indicated that Jeff Labahn (City of Kenosha) had forwarded the name of Lena Schlater as a potential representative of the realtor community. John Holloway suggested Mark Edquist as a potential prospect for the farming community, noting that he had sent Mr. Edquist’s resume and interest in the position via email to Mr. Roth. Rich Gossling noted that he had provided a resume and suggested Keith Johnson as a realtor prospect. Annie Jones, UW-Extension Community Development Educator suggested Sandie Hansen as a citizen stakeholder noting that Sandie and her husband were Subway business owners as well as rural landowners of about 22-acres in the Town of Somers. Annie noted that Sandie is not affiliated with any specific interest group and has the time to attend MJAC meetings and would be a conscientious person that will do her homework and research relative to the comprehensive planning process and that Sandie understands and is committed to the three year process.

Staff is to contact the prospective stakeholders to confirm their interest in serving on the MJAC and return to the Committee next month with the list of prospective stakeholder member responses. It was also suggested that the potential stakeholders also be invited to the next meeting.

Public Comment: Chairman Ekornaas shared that he had recently attended the WCA conference and that there was a workshop on Comprehensive Planning. He noted that a good share of Wisconsin’s local municipalities were against this mandate and that they were looking forward to getting the legislation reversed. However, he continued that it is highly unlikely to be reversed and that this Committee has a very important task as the comprehensive plan is going to structure how Kenosha County is going to look for the next 30 years.

Virgil Gentz, Paris Alternate, questioned the process for alternate and stakeholder participation in the Committee’s discussions. Chairman Ekornaas replied that a new seating arrangement would be configured for the next meeting with tables and chairs in the front row facing the Representatives for Alternates to allow improved discussion participation.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Jeffrey Butler to approve the August 29, 2006 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeff Labahn and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2006 – Preliminary topics of discussion will include but not be limited to the public participation plan and a demonstration of the Smart Growth website.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Jeffrey Butler, seconded by Rich Gossling, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved October 31, 2006