

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

MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2007

Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Fred Ekornaas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Bill Morris to approve the August 28, 2007 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by John Holloway and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

Presentation on the Regional Water Supply Plan by Mr. Robert Biebel, Special Projects Engineer, SEWRPC: Mr. Biebel presented information and recommendations to the committee relative to the Regional Water Supply Planning Program. He identified the areas served by public and private water supply systems in southeast Wisconsin and provided background on general hydrogeology and sand and gravel aquifer details. To begin the planning process major issues were identified. Elements of the Regional Water Supply Planning Program were: conduct basic groundwater inventories; collect additional inventory data and develop regional aquifer simulation model; and, prepare Regional Water Supply System Plan. Nine major plan components were detailed as part of the planning process. Findings included water use data, trends for water use, municipal water supply service area demand and water law study conclusions. Alternative plans were developed for evaluation so that a recommendation can be made to address the identified problems and issues. Water supply and comprehensive planning are linked in that water supply capacities is one of several factors to be considered in future land use decisions and land use patterns; as a way to promote low-impact and other development patterns and storm water management practices that maintain the natural hydrology; and, to set potential limits to development density in selected areas to help achieve a safe water supply.

Review and Possible Action on Chapter XIII, “Economic Development Element,” of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: Kate Madison, SEWRPC Planner, presented Chapter XIII - Economic Development Element, which consisted of Part 1 - inventory and analysis tied to inventory data in Chapter II - Population, Household, and Employment Trends; Part 2 - economic development organizations and programs; Part 3 - economic projections and desirable businesses, and Part 4 - goals, objectives, policies and programs. Part 3 provides a list of business and industries the County should consider attracting, retaining or expanding, which was based on the list developed at the brainstorming session held at an MJAC meeting. The suggestions include data and information technology – hi-tech industries, advanced technology manufacturing and engineering, bio-fuel technology, recreation (athletic facilities), hospitality and tourism industries, professional and technical services, business and corporate management, jobs that support agriculture and rural lifestyles, home-based business, service sector, healthcare related and assisted living/senior care. The goals and objectives in Part 4 then are based on attracting/retaining the suggested businesses/jobs.

Peggy Herrick noted that Pleasant Prairie will forward their comments on Chapter XIII - Economic Development Element in November of 2007. John Holloway noted that the promotion of entrepreneurship should be addressed in more detail. Rick Kania noted that green business development should be added/expanded to the policy section.

Motion was made by Dennis Faber, seconded by Rich Gossling, to adopt Chapter XIII - Economic Development Element with comments and subjects to be added as discussed. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Status on public meetings in participating local governments and community base maps: Mr. Roth noted that the local government meetings have been going well with good attendance and representation. The Village of Silver Lake meeting is to be held next week, which will complete this phase of local meetings for the public participation requirements of the grant.

Rick Kania, SEWRPC Principal Planner, informed the committee that base maps have been distributed to the local governments for review and comment. The information contained on the maps is through June 2007. SEWRPC is currently working on existing land use maps and they will also be distributed for review and comment when completed.

Mr. Roth noted that the McHenry County Regional Planning Commission, the comprehensive planning committee for McHenry County, Illinois, invited Kenosha County Planning and Development staff to a meeting to discuss the state of Kenosha County and our comprehensive planning efforts. . The meeting opened dialogue we have not had in the past and they were very welcome to hear what we had to say. Hope to have similar meetings with other bordering counties of Kenosha. The idea of a bus tour of new developments in Kenosha County and just south of the state line came out of the discussions. Staff may schedule a tour and presentation to be conducted in the spring of 2008.

Citizen Comments: None

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: Kate Madison, SEWRPC Planner, noted that the Issues and Opportunities Element would be reviewed at the next meeting. SEWRPC staff is working on that element now and should be distributing for review in the next week or two.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Morris, seconded by John Holloway and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC members. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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