

**Eureka Township Strategic Vision
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
April 30, 2007, 7:00 PM**

CAC members present: Jody Arman-Jones, Sharon Buckley, Atina Diffley, Carrie Jennings, Ray Kaufenberg, Jeff Otto, Jim Sauber, Rich Stevens, John Storlie, Pete Storlie, Ray Swedeen

CAC meeting summary

I. Vote for Chair

A tie vote between Sharon Buckley and Jim Sauber for chair of the reorganized CAC resulted in Sharon ceding to Jim.

Jim conducted the rest of the meeting.

II. Meeting structure

A. The group recognized the need to have a slightly more structured meeting so that all could be heard without frustrations. The following tools will be used as needed and directed by the chair.

Time limits for speakers

Roberts Rules of Order when a motion or vote is needed

B. In addition we acknowledged that the minority opinion or split opinion should be noted on an issue in order to more fully capture the groups' discussion process.

III. Committee Balance

A. The remaining committee members should still represent a cross section of the township. It is up to the Planning Commission to determine if they do. We may be weak in certain regions of the township (NE, SE) and heavy on larger land holders.

B. Committee members who have declined to continue or dropped out earlier include:

Denise Griffith, Bernie Wood, Janet Novak, Kathy Blair, and Ed Korba.

C. Not present tonight but presumed to want to continue -- Glen Shirley.

D. Rich Stevens agreed to continue even though his term on the Planning Commission is up. He will be an At-large member.

We may need an additional member from the PC (Nancy Sauber or Mike Greco were mentioned since they have attended many of the

meetings and we thought it might be hard to bring someone new to the process up to speed.)

IV. Audience and committee participation

A. We agreed to break for 5' at 8:00 during which time we would solicit audience input.

B. We may also ask for their limited input at times during the meeting, at the discretion of the chair and with sensitivity to our time constraints.

C. Chair will acknowledge the order of speakers on the committee.

D. Issues can be brought up anonymously through the chair.

V. Letter to Bill

A. We are sending a "Thank You" letter

B. The PC will send a letter outlining their expectations for the work remaining as spelled out in the contract.

VI. Run through April 18th version of the plan to prioritize areas that need work and assign committee members responsible

This is a plan for working on the sections while acknowledging that the whole document may need to be reorganized.

A. Objectives – No one assigned

Needs a little work

Best written at the end of the process?

Should be better integrated or reflected in the whole document

Ray Kaufenberg has some additional items that should be included in the plan based on a phone conversation he had with Bill Weber.

e.g. Jurisdictional authority...

B. Land Use Policies – Jeff Otto and Ray Kaufenberg

Needs a lot of work.

Verification that what we hope to do is actually allowed

Invitees

Met Council

Dakota County

TDR experts

Rice County

Empire Twp
others more far flung?

D. Land uses requiring rural locations – Jody Arman-Jones

Needs a lot of work according to the PC
Raised concerns among the PC members who know that once a use is listed, they do not have the authority to stop it.
Gloria Belzer and Mike Greco were suggested as people who can help the committee understand CUPs

E. Commercial and Industrial uses – Atina?

Powerlines and pipelines
Township creating rules to make it difficult to allow them?
Should this be done or even be pulled out as a specific topic?
Atina Diffley can let us know about her experiences with the pipeline if she has time (busy season).

F. Items pulled out of land-use section to be addressed in Environmental Issues section

Wooded land
Groundwater sensitivity

G. Environmental Protection: On site septic treatment systems – Rich Stevens, Carrie Jennings, and Ray Kaufenberg

Private septic contractor/installer in the region designing alternative approaches – Ray Kaufenberg
Dave Gustafson, handles the licensure of system installers (Rich)
U of M, Dept. of Soils-- new methods in difficult conditions (e.g poorly drained soils, high water tables) (Carrie)

H. Environmental Protection: Woodland/Shoreland and habitat issues - Ray Swedeen and Glen Shirley

Managing woodlands for habitat and or timber – DNR Forestry
Protecting native species and restoring woodlands – DNR Biological Heritage Program or Metro Greenways
Hannah Texler
Animal Corridors, nesting issues, etc. – DNR Non-game and game wildlife, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited?

I. Environmental Issues/Geology, Water and Soils – Carrie Jennings

Surface water, groundwater sensitivity-- DNR Waters

Well Construction, aquifer contamination-- Dept of Health, Dakota
County Environmental Services

Groundwater availability – Met Council, Minnesota Geological
Survey

Soil quality, erodibility, productivity – Natural Resources
Conservation Service, Dakota County Soil and Water

Geologic Resources (e.g. gravel, quarried rock) – Minnesota
Geological Survey, DNR Minerals

J. Roads and Public Services – Jody Arman-Jones and Jim Sauber

Taxation--the household burden

current

predicted at different buildouts

K. Transportation - John Storlie and ?

MAC – airport zoning

MnDOT – regional transportation, interregional connectors,
other transportation options (e.g. bike lanes, bus corridors, rail)

Met Council – traffic flow patterns and predictions for future of
metro area

L. Annexation Rules and Jurisdictional Authority – Ray Kaufenberg?

M. Comprehensive Planning – Sharon Buckley

Overview of the plan (workshop materials)

Identify the “low-hanging fruit” – easily picked

VII. Agenda for next meeting

Get started on your topic and report back on preliminary contact list
Sketch a calendar for the rest of the process
Start with a review of the Comprehensive Plan and Dakota County’s
vision (Sharon Buckley)

Before next meeting, find out about details of Al Singer’s meeting with
Chub Lake landowners at Mt. Olivet retreat center on May 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Jennings, recorder

