

**Eureka Township Envisioning Task Force
Minutes for 8/30/01**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendees: Mike Greco, Bob Papke, Ray Kaufenberg, Jerry Swedin, Kenny Miller, Pat Steege, Randy Wood, Matt Mega, Amy Nielsen, Bev Topp. Absent: Jody Arman Jones

1. Minutes approved from 8/2/01 and 8/9/01.
2. Announcements. Mike will start to include "announcements" as a regular agenda item, and asked that people use this opportunity to BRIEFLY share information with the committee about items related to our work.
 - a. Met Council's Rural Issues workshop meetings are still going on. Next meeting is in Chaska on Sept. 6. Kenny suggested someone take notes on the rural issues meetings. Mike has some notes from Farmington meeting, and Bev may have some. We can add these to the library.
 - b. MnSCN Conference—free to attend. September 20 at Minneapolis Convention Center. To register on-line: www.moea.state.mn.us For more information send email to: nextstep@moea.state.mn.us
 - c. Bob Papke and Pat Steege submitted an article from the Farmington Independent about proposed east-west roadway expansions. From the newspaper article it appears that a report exists at the County level concerning these roadways that we may want to obtain.
 - c. Matt handed out a Draft of 'An Agenda for Regional Action,' and additional items for the library. Once we have decided on relevant indicators, Bob will organize the library and create a list of what materials we have.
3. Discuss CommunityViz indicators (Matt Mega)

Matt handed out a copy of the indicators included with CommunityViz, as well as additional indicators he discovered on the Internet. He noted that many indicators can be found on the web by searching for "environmental indicators," "community indicators," or "sustainability indicators." Hart Environmental Data website also has many indicator resources. Indicators currently available generally apply to inner-city or areas that need improvement. Rural indicators are less common.

The group had a brainstorm session of rural indicators. Matt recorded 50 indicators--everything from aggregate resources, bike paths, and air and water quality to traffic flow patterns, tar vs. gravel roadways, and property values. Matt will e-mail the list to the group. At a future meeting, we will prioritize the list and narrow it down to a manageable number of indicators for the study. Baseline values can be derived from Dakota county and the DNR for many of the indicators.

4. Discuss data needs. Deferred to a future meeting, after we have prioritized indicators.
5. Report on meeting with Township Board of Supervisors (Mike Greco)
 - a. Budget. \$200.00 was approved for office supplies (folders, paper, postage, etc.). Not to be used for acquiring maps, reports, or digital data. Requests for reimbursement for such data must be brought before the board, and will be evaluated on an individual basis. Receipts for approved items must be submitted to Mike for reimbursement by the 5th of each month.
 - b. Resident survey. The Board felt that a survey at this time may confuse some residents based on other open items at the Board level, particularly since residents may not understand the purpose of the Envisioning Task Force. No survey will be sent out at this time.
 - c. Newsletter contribution. We have limited space to introduce the Envisioning Task Force. Deadline for the newsletter is August 31.
 - d. Mike suggested that other committee members attend future Town Board meetings at which he speaks, both to help support our requests and to show our commitment to the project.
6. Draft description of Envisioning Task Force for September issue of Eureka newsletter. Mike created a draft article that was e-mailed to the group. The group added comments and Bob is editing the final draft for the newsletter. The draft must be approved by the board before it will appear in the newsletter.
7. Discuss community festival or social. Good idea that would take a lot of planning. Since Eureka has no parks there is question as to where the event would be hosted. The social event could be about the history of Eureka township for residents. Long time residents may be willing to share stories of the past.
8. Next meeting: September 12, 2001, 7 pm. Agenda: TBD.

Meeting was adjourned 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Amy Nielsen