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Sauk County Comprehensive Plan
Steering Committee Meeting Notes
Sauk county West Square Building
August 5, 2009

Committee Members Present: Blakeslee, Borleske, Dalhoff, Davis, Gerdman, Godfriaux-Leystra, Iausly, Knight, Kriegl, Lanter, Murray, Prem, Robkin.

Others Present: Marty Krueger, Sauk County Board of Supervisors, Dave Tremble, Brian Simmert and Victoria Solomon, Sauk County Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Jenny Erickson, Sauk County-UW Extension.

Brian Simmert called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm, and asked members to review the agenda. Staff asked that the agenda be amended to allow for approval of the previous meeting minutes. The amendment was accepted. Members adopted the agenda and minutes by consensus.

Public Comment - None

Tremble asked members to review copies of the second revised version of the draft Vision, and asked if anyone had any serious objection to any part of the draft. Peter Murray asked that the reference to “American” culture be modified, and others recommended removing the last part of the sentence. Other comments included changing the title to include reference to 2030. Members commented on the lack of reference to education and the arts. Tremble asked for additional comments, and suggested that the Vision workgroup could meet again before the next Steering Committee to prepare a final draft version.

Tremble then presented information related to sustainability and various approaches to developing sustainability programs, including the Natural Step, and Community Sustainability Indicators. Members then broke into small groups to conduct an exercise to identify sustainability attributes of selected comprehensive plan goals and objectives. In a follow up general discussion of the activity on sustainability issues, members recommended that the County establish a Sustainability Task Force to examine the best strategies for incorporating sustainable practices into County operations. Members proposed conducting Sustainability assessments of program or operational issues that go before the Board as resolutions, to add a “Sustainability Note” to resolutions, much as Fiscal Notes are attached. Marty Krueger added comments about the County budget priorities and state mandated programs.

Following a five minute break, member reconvened to view a presentation by Victoria Solomon of the draft of Part I of the Comprehensive Plan. Brian Simmert announced that Part I is now posted on the website for review. Part II and II will be available for viewing soon. The plan is broken into sections for easier downloading. Robkin asked if CDs of the plan could be made available to members. Members made additional suggestions. Simmert agreed to send CDs to members.

Jenny Erickson announced the upcoming schedule of meetings and other events related to the Comprehensive Plan. The schedule is:

- August 26: Steering committee meeting at the River Arts Center in Prairie Du Sac.
- Sept. 8: Draft of Parts I, II and II to the E&L committee of the County Board.
- Sept. 15: Full County Board presentation
- Sept. 23: Open House #1 UW Baraboo/Sauk County, Baraboo WI
- Sept. 30: Open House #2 Kraemer Library, Plain WI

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting: August 26, 2009, Arts Center in Prairie Du Sac.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Steward, Director
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