

WIZAP meeting minutes

Oct. 15, 2014

Rutledge Room-6:30

Present at the meeting: Larry Goodlet, Kirby Foss, Carol Stayton, Liz Holmes, Amanda De Witt, Mike Kickbush and Mary Lee Benson (Alternate).

Absent: Jim Goodwin

1. Meeting called to order by Carol Stayton, 6:37 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: unanimous vote to approve agenda as written.
3. Approval of Minutes: unanimous vote to approve minutes as written.
4. Announcements/Communications:
 - . Communication from the DC Planning Dept. (Linda Riemer) regarding the updates to Ordinances No. 2014-10 (Shoreland Zoning Regulations) This updated version will be put in the TOW zoning book. This affects shoreland zoning only. This new chapter, 3A, will be an addition to Chapter 3 in TOW Ordinance Book.
 - . Rick Brauer (new Zoning Administrator) made his first visit to the island meeting with residents on potential project/plans on Oct. 2, 2014. There are no petitions as of this writing, or in the immediate future. He met with Mike Kickbush and Carol Stayton. If there are any zoning subjects or issues to be discussed, he will be at the next meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 2014 at 6:30, Rutledge Room. Carol will furnish The WI Observer with this meeting information so the public at large is aware of this opportunity to ask questions, obtain information and meet the new Zoning Administrator.
 - . Email from S. Sonoc (9-25-14) inquiring as to what are the economic indicators of a healthy community? Text and response was forwarded to J. Rader of WIEDC/Chairperson. Information on economic indicators and related topics is present in Vol 2 of the Comprehensive Plan; other sources such as the University of Wisconsin and the DCEDC will be contacted to obtain more information.
5. To Plan or not to plan. The committee discussed each of the required elements of a Comprehensive Plan obtained from the state website (copy of text attached) which are: a. Issues and Opportunities element, b. Housing Element, c. Transportation element, d. Utilities and community facilities element, e. Agricultural, natural and cultural resources element, f. Economic development element, g. Intergovernmental cooperation element, h. land-use element, and, i. Implementation element.

Mike Kickbush expressed interest and provided information regarding Element "b" (Housing). The committee agreed to direct focus on this element in the future and Mike agreeing to develop more information and to contact the Door County Partnership and have a follow up report at the next meeting 11.19.14. Also, The committee was interested in having a representative from the Door County Partnership to meet with WIZAP over the winter on the Island.

More discussion is necessary about Element "c" (Transportation). Carol to follow up and report on 11.19.14 with John Rader (WIEDC) regarding a trolley service which was discussed within that committee. Mike offered that there was a trail system concept, included in the Detroit Harbor Enhancement Plan that was a proposed trail from the ferry dock to the south end of Main Road that is another possible topic to review in the future. The committee also acknowledged that water transport was being addressed by WI Ferryline, air travel by the town's own Airport Committee and through other private providers.

Elements "d" and "e" (Utilities and community facilities element and the Agricultural, natural and cultural element respectively) were reviewed in earnest. Element "d" is being addressed by the following examples: Wastewater: The Utility District Committee (Town Board), Power/Electric: the REA, Town buildings/properties: the Building Committee. Element "e" is being addressed through the Parks Committee.

The economic development element "f", it was suggested, requires follow up; Carol to meet with John Rader (WIEDC) on status and new developments. The Living on W.I. brochure should be revisited and address targeting markets that would benefit the Island.

It was also discussed to recommend to the Town Board to do another survey of the island and to use the survey format and process that was used in 2007. The results of the two surveys can make easy comparisons to see where and if significant changes have been made in attitudes and needs of the island. A total of 1200 surveys would be printed and sent out to landowners using property tax lists to locate property owners; additional surveys would be available to non-property owners by request. FYI, the cost of the survey in 2007 was \$1706.98, printing was provided through the W.I. Observer and with support from donated technical services.

Element "g" (Intergovernmental cooperation) developed the existing reciprocal agreements between W.I. and the County EMS, police and Fire services as three examples of addressing this elements purpose/goal.

Element "h" (Land use) - a comprehensive review of current land use on W.I. was achieved by WIZAP in 2014; maps were corrected/updated as required. (Note: The TOW and/or WIZAP did not initiate any changes to the Land Use Map; what was done was identifying errors or omissions that the committee identified).

Element "i" (Implementation) - This elements purpose/goal is being met with the recent review of the Comprehensive Plan 2030 countywide, including W.I., in 2013.

In conclusion, Carol stated that there needs to be upgraded information concerning the zoning and specifically, the County Comprehensive Plan for the public to access at the library. This information is currently available on line at the County web site however, a hard copy, for those citizens not having computer access, will be available at the W.I. library when the County Board of Supervisors approves the updated Comprehensive Plan 2035 expected in December '14. Carol to address the collection of WIZAP data and material availability w/Marcia Carr.

After the review and discussion of the elements, a vote was called by Carol as to whether the TOW would continue under the County plan. There was a motion by Liz Holmes to have the Town of Washington stay with the County and under the Door County Comprehensive Plan.

Mike Kickbush seconded the motion. Carol requested a Roll Call vote: Mike, aye, Larry, aye, Amanda, aye, Mary Lee Benson, aye, Carol, aye, Kirby, aye. The motion was passed unanimously. The committee will not be making a recommendation to the Town Board to change the current system/process and will continue under the County Comprehensive Plan. If, in the future, issues arise that would be specific to the needs of the Town of Washington, the TOW can make changes as necessary through the process which includes, but is not limited to, review and approval by the Town Board and through the county processes.

Motion to adjourn made by Foss second by Kickbush: Meeting was adjourned at 7:39.

Next meeting will be Nov. 19th, 2014, Rutledge Room, new time is 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda De Witt