

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road – Conference Room A
Woodstock, IL 60098

Minutes of Thursday, October 20, 2005

Ann Gilman, Chairman	
Jim Heisler	Ann Kate
Peter Merkel	Marc Munaretto
Virginia Peschke	Barbara Wheeler

Chairman Gilman called the Planning and Development Committee meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman, Jim Heisler, Ann Kate, Marc Munaretto, Virginia Peschke, and Barbara Wheeler. Pete Merkel had informed the Committee he would be out-of-town and unable to attend today's meeting. Also in attendance: Planning and Development Department staff members; members from the Planning Commission; interested public; and press.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peschke, to approve the regular session minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting of September 15, 2005. The minutes were approved as presented with a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Shaw addressed the Committee and asked that public hearings be held to receive comments on the proposed 2020 Land Use Plan. Chairman Gilman responded that there will be another such period prior to the presentation of the Plan to the County Board.

PRESENTATION: None.

SUBDIVISIONS

Prairie's Edge – Final Plat: Ms. Ehardt reviewed the proposed final plat which consists of 12 lots zoned E-2 on approximately 29.02 acres in Greenwood Township. The subdivision is bounded on the west by Queen Anne Road and by Kings Court Subdivision to the south and east. There is one roadway system with an emergency access road into King's Court Subdivision. Greenwood Township Highway Commissioner has accepted the Final Plat. A letter of agreement from District 200 has been received. Mr. Munaretto made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kate, to accept the Final Plat for Prairie's Edge Subdivision and authorize the Chairman and Code Enforcement Officer to sign said plat and to present the Final Plat to the County Board. Chairman Gilman stated that it is interesting to note the comment in the letter from District 200 that indicates there is no guarantee that students from this subdivision would attend schools as mentioned in the letter. She noted that it is important to parents who may be purchasing a home to understand this issue. Ms. Peschke stated she would be voting against this proposal since District 200 has requested that no further subdivisions be built in their district at this time. Chairman Gilman noted that the rezoning to E2 was approved a few years ago and these concerns were a zoning issue and should have been addressed at that time. The motion carried with a voice vote of five ayes (Kate, Wheeler, Munaretto, Heisler and Gilman) and one nay (Peschke).

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Land use Plan – Commission Draft: Chairman Gilman acknowledged the receipt of the Planning Commission's draft of the 2020 Land Use Plan and asked that members read through the document for further discussion at the next meeting. Ms. Peschke commented that she has looked at the document and found it easy to read with the marked color sections. She questioned why some copies to commissioners did not have the color sections. Ms. Ehardt responded that Commissioners were provided a completely edited version at their request. She noted that there are plenty of copies of each if someone wished to have one. Ms. Gilman questioned why some "blue" wording was done in all capital letters. It was noted that this was due to mechanical issues and there was no meaning behind such lettering which will be changed in the final version. Chairman Gilman asked the

Planning Commission why they had not provided a "bullet" point list of the major changes as requested by the Committee. Commissioners noted that they felt the "blue" marked copy would be a better document to follow. Ms. Ehardt pointed out that three of the Planning Commission members who worked on this draft were no longer Commissioners and that three other terms would be expiring in December. Chairman Gilman noted that the Committee had previously determined that the three members would continue their appointment until the 2020 Land Use Plan documented was presented to the Committee, which is now in our hands. Ms. Peschke pointed out that it was her understanding these terms would end upon the approval of the Plan by the County Board. Other members expressed their support for the Commissioners to continue their term until public comments have been received. Chairman Gilman reported that the Committee will discuss this plan over the next couple of meetings after which a Public Comment session will be held. Ms. Kate suggested that a Committee of the Whole be scheduled to present this document to the full County Board and get feedback. After further discussion, a Public Comment meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. Appropriate ads will be placed with local newspapers; the draft will be available on the internet with hard copies available through the Planning and Development Department. It may also be possible to have this document available on CDs.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG Appointment – Ellen Hamilton: Mr. Hansel reported that the CDBG Commission had interviewed Ms. Hamilton and are recommending her appointment to the CDBG Commission. Ms. Peschke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to recommend the County Board appoint Ellen Hamilton to the CDBG Commission for a term to expire on July 31, 2007. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of the Community Development Block Grant Action Plan Funding: Mr. Hansel provided an overview on the CDBG's Action Plan for funding allocations for program year 2006. A total of 23 projects will be funded. After a review, Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Kate, to recommend the County Board approve a Resolution adopting the Community Development Block Grant Action Plan Funding Allocations for 2006. The motion carried with a voice vote of five ayes, Ms. Peschke abstained from voting.

Recycling Awards: Ms. Niemann provided an overview on the recycling awards noting that ten applications were received. The highest ranking applicants will receive a Certificate of Excellence in Recycling plus a "blue glass paperweight" made by Fire and Lights. Three runner ups will receive a Certificate of Outstanding Effort in Recycling and the four remaining will receive a Certificate of Merit. These awards will be presented at the November 1st County Board meeting. Ms. Niemann also reported that the tire collection event was a success with a total of 18 semi-trucks being required to haul the tires away. The tires will go to a firm that recycles the tires into road surface material, running track materials or fuel.

REPORTS

Stormwater – Ms. Ehardt reported that an initial meeting will be scheduled for early November to provide an overview on the ordinance and responsibilities of the Commission determine future meeting dates. Chairman Gilman stated the Commission may want to review the repaving to driveways and the need for a stormwater review. Mr. Munaretto noted that it was his understanding driveways under 5,000 square feet would be exempt from such a review. Ms. Ehardt stated that every building permit has a stormwater review and anyone contacting the P & D Department with regard to a non-building project is instructed to come in to apply for a stormwater review at a cost of \$52.00. This allows for a review and record of the project in case of phone call complaints being received or work in excess of the original proposal is completed.

NIPC – No report

MCCD – Will meet this evening

Planning Commission – As noted above

MISCELLANEOUS: Ms. Ehardt announced that Dave Johnson had tendered his resignation and tomorrow would be his last day. He has accepted a job in Dubuque Iowa to be closer to family. Both he and Leslie Schott (who recently took a position with the City of Crystal Lake) were outstanding employees. Ms. Ehardt also noted that County salaries need to be reviewed.

Members provided feedback to the 2020 Land Use Plan discussion and the forthcoming Public Comment meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION:

- Approve CDBG appointment
- Approve Resolution authorizing adoption of the CDBG Action Plan Funding Allocations for Program Year 06
- Presentation of Recycling Awards

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