WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

November 8, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bergman at 6:32 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Washtenaw County Road Commission, 555 Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Craiger, Gunn, Irwin, Kern, Kestenbaum, Montague, Peterson, Prater, Sizemore, Solowczuk.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Armentrout, DeLong, Shaw, Yekulis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator, Frank Cambria, Deputy Administrator; Curtis Hedger, Corporation Counsel; Tom Freeman, Park Planner; Rebecca Head, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; Richard Fleece, Resource Protection Division Director; David Behen, Amy Klinke, Administration; Barbara King, Clerk/Register Office.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation
None.

Time of Sale Interpretation
Richard Fleece provided information to the Board regarding recommended policy changes for the administration of the Time of Sale Program. He gave background information and talked about the following recommendations:

1. Modify rating system to allow functioning sewage systems that are under-sized to be approved if replacement area is available. If systems do not meet the current "A" rating system for size, require a deed restriction as notice of concern.

2. Modify rating system to allow homes with functioning systems to be passed where connection to sewer requires annexation and put notice on deed that when required by municipality must connect to sewer.

3. Allow a sale to proceed for properties with sewage systems within 50 feet of surface water that meet certain soil conditions.

4. Allow a sale to proceed for properties with sewage systems within 50 feet of surface water that do not meet the reduction criteria under certain conditions.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Shelter Update
Mr. Guenzel gave a brief history that brought us to this point and introduced members of the audience present: Fred Dindoffer, our environmental attorney, Joe Fitzsimmons, vice chair and treasurer of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance Board, who along with Judy Rumahart is our chief fundraiser, Diane Davidson, executive director of the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, Ellen Schulmeister, director of the Shelter Association and on the Alliance Board,

Lori Sipes went over the revised plans for the Downtown Center and answered questions.

Mr. Guenzel discussed time lines and said we anticipate beginning construction during May of 2002, with anticipated building completion in August of 2003.

Ellen Schulmeister told the Board if they have any questions as to what they are doing programmatically at the shelter. She said the Board of Directors of the Shelter Association is having a strategic planning session this coming Sunday.

Mr. Guenzel told the Board we would not be where we are now (in fundraising) without the leadership of St. Joseph Hospital. He reminded the Board that the City of Ann Arbor committed $1 million, Washtenaw County committed $2 million, and we said that was it for public funds. He said the total raised thus far is $6.7 million (which includes our money). He said that according to Mr. Fitzsimmons, they will reach their goal of $8.7 million by the end of next year.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Commissioners Items
None

County Administrator Report
None.

Items for Current/Future Discussion
None.

Status of Annual Activities/Goals
No report.

Citizen Participation
None.

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation
None.

Adjournment
Comm. Prater supported by Comm. Montague moved that the meeting be adjourned until January 17, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Washtenaw County Administration Building. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair

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Peggy M. Haines, Clerk/Register
By: Barbara L. King, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: December 5, 2001