



**Washtenaw County
Department of Planning & Environment**

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 17, 2007**

Members Present

Bobrin, Gray, Grewal, Kelly, Lewis, Lovejoy-Roe, Meyer, Solowczuk, Walz

Members Absent

Dries, Sizemore, Smith, Williams

Staff Present

Denig, Kowalski, Lenart, Scholl, VanDerworp

Guests Present

Barb Fuller

Call to Order and Roll Call

Grewal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken and quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

Solowczuk moved to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2007 meeting, Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Solowczuk moved to approve the agenda, Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment – none

Report of the Chair

Grewal gave her thanks to those members whose positions have been eliminated or changed due to changes in the PAB bylaws. She presented each of the outgoing members with a plaque recognizing their contribution and years on the PAB. Denig also thanked the outgoing members for providing Planning & Environment staff with excellent guidance over the past few years.

Old Business – none

New Business

PAB Membership Guidelines

Denig discussed the PAB membership guidelines and noted that in Item 3 of the procedure, there is the change of adding the word “selection in the case of multiple nominations and” confirmation. Grewal will be encouraging leaders from all of the newly represented regional planning groups to forward the e-mail soliciting nominations

and the attachment on membership guidelines to all members within each of the regional groups.

Draft Resource Paper on 425 Agreements

Denig asked for comments on the draft resource paper; upon hearing none, Denig asked that PAB members forward any comments that come up to her so that the paper could be on the agenda in January for adoption.

Report of the Director of Planning & Environment – none

Other Items for Discussion

Public Policy News

Denig noted that the few updates on proposed legislative changes were included in the packet as an “FYI”.

Follow-Up on LUG Annual Workshop – Evaluation and Draft Summary

Mike Scholl, of Planning & Environment, went over the report and stated that he had attempted to compile the comments from each of the tables into the document. He noted that the audience polling system went over very well, but that most people had not reviewed the material that was distributed before the workshop. Kelly noted that it seemed that people had responded “from the gut,” rather than in reference to the Comprehensive Plan. Gray noted that it was the best organized workshop thus far. Denig noted that Mike Scholl did an excellent job in planning and organizing the workshop.

Denig then asked for suggestions for next year’s workshop, and Walz suggested having it in October, possibly on the 5th Wednesday in order to avoid such conflicts as the MTA meetings. Bobrin noted that the economy will likely be the “hottest topic” in the coming year.

Committee Reports – none

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

Solowczuk moved to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. and Bobrin seconded.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the **MSUE lower level Conference Room**.