



**Washtenaw County
Office of Strategic Planning**

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2009**

Members Present

Blistein, Bobrin, Dopkowski, Gray, Kelly, Lewis, Pratt, Smith, Solowczuk, Walz

Members Absent

Blackmore (excused), Williams (excused)

Staff Present

Brinkman, Denig, Kowalski, Lenart

Guests Present

Jan Godek and Don Pennington

Call to Order and Roll Call

Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll Call was taken there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Solowczuk moved to approve the minutes from the December 22, 2008 meeting, Pratt seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Solowczuk moved that the agenda be approved as presented, Pratt seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment – none

Report of the Vice Chair – none

Old Business – none

New Business

Lodi Township Master Plan Update

Brinkman introduced Don Pennington, planning consultant, and Jan Godek, Lodi Township Supervisor. This is an update and overall review of the Lodi Township Master Plan, and is the first update since the early 2000s. Staff comments include a suggestion that the commercial and residential districts not detailed in the zoning plan should be detailed. Additionally, staff recommends referencing the non-motorized transportation study and the gravel road study. In the two municipal services areas designated, there should be more site planning guidelines. The Township is covered under the County Comprehensive Plan as far as being eligible for the state PDR program, however it might be a good idea to include a map of areas that are eligible for agricultural preservation. Staff also recommends sliding scale zoning, as the surrounding townships use it.

Pennington noted that this document will be presented to the public through town hall meetings, etc. and that one of their main objectives is to maintain the character of the township even though there is a great deal of development in the surrounding townships. After discussion, Solowczuk moved that the PAB recommend approval to the BOC, and Gray seconded with the addition of correcting typos on the top of page 11 and on page 5. The motion carried.

City of Ann Arbor – Allen Creek Drain/Stadium Blvd Project Area, Office of the Water Resources Commissioner’s Full Faith and Credit Review

Brinkman discussed this project, noting that it involves constructing stormwater controls at the Stadium and Pauline intersection and on Stadium between Pauline and Seventh. The Water Resources Commissioner was awarded an \$8 million low-interest loan, and staff is recommending that the BOC approve full faith and credit bonds for \$290,000. This project will have no impact on existing land use and complies with the City of Ann Arbor’s Master Plan for this region.

After discussion, Solowczuk moved that the PAB recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners, Kelly seconded and the motion carried.

Report of the Director of Community Planning – Patricia Denig

Denig reported that four of the five regional groups have met, and recommendations for liaisons will go to the BOC on February 19. Additionally, only one of the BOC-designated seats has been filled at this time, and they will revisit that at their February meetings.

Other Items for Discussion

Regional Group and Outside Agency Updates

Dopkowski reported that MORE had a meeting on Thursday, and the Assistant Planner from Monroe County gave a presentation on Monroe County’s preliminary Master Plan.

Gray reported that the HDC is continuing to pursue the Native American Trails marker project, and work is ongoing to preserve the Rawsonville School. Additionally the HDC meeting location is changing.

Walz reported that the BPW is continuing to work on lake projects, and a taxpayer on Whitmore Lake is taking the BPW to a tax tribunal. Also, the Waste Knot awards will be given out in April.

Solowczuk reported that PARC purchased 10 acres near Veteran’s Park, which will make the park more accessible and user-friendly.

Pratt reported that the WMA will be focusing on similar priorities to 2008, including shared services.

Public Policy News

None

Denig reported that the next Community Planning Open House will be on Monday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Committee Reports – none

Public Comment – none

Adjourn

Solowczuk moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the **Annex Large Conference Room**.

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