



Washtenaw County  
Department of Planning & Environment

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Planning Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 28, 2005

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**Members Present**

Bobrin, Brackenbury, Dries, Gray, Lewis, Meyer, Smith, Solowczuk, Walz, Williams

**Members Absent**

Kelly, Knol

**Staff Present**

Brinkman, Denig, Kaplan, Ross, VanDerworp

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Anthony VanDerworp called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and Anne Williams, Secretary, took roll call.

**Approval of Minutes**

Gray motioned for approval of the October 24, 2005 minutes, Meyer supported. All in favor, motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Approval of Agenda**

Bobrin motioned for approval of the agenda, Gray supported. All in favor, the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

**Report of the Chair** – There was no Report of the Chair

**Report of the Director of Planning and Environment** – There was no report of the Director

**Old Business**-There was no old business

**New Business**

### **City of Ann Arbor – NE Transportation**

Wendy Rampson of the City Planning Department presented the NE Area Transportation Plan. The plan was initiated in 2001 to evaluate the traffic impact of projected future development and compare it with existing infrastructure, concentrating on the area between M-14/US 23 and the Northside neighborhoods currently served by the Barton/M-14 Interchange. This plan also included community involvement, using a Citizen's Advisory Committee on over 100 participants, meetings over a 3 ½ year period. The Citizen Committee developed goals that recognized both motorized and non-motorized traffic. A major problem with the Barton/M-14 interchange is that it feeds into a residential area. One possible solution is the partial closing of the eastbound side of the interchange. The Board of Washtenaw county Road Commissioners signed a resolution opposing the closure of the interchange.

Terry Brinkman of Planning and Environment the County Staff Report on the NE Area Transportation Plan. Staff found the proposed plan to be consistent with the goals, policies or objectives of local unit of government master plans and the County Plan, with recommendations that include keeping the M-14/Barton Interchange open or to consider alternative plans before closing it.

There was a discussion regarding crash statistics, and public safety access should the M-14/ Barton exit close. Board members also discussed the possibility of having a citizen survey before attempting to close the interchange.

Smith motioned for approval of the Staff recommendation, Bobrin supported. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **Traver Creek – Office of the Drain Commissioner's Full Faith and Credit Review**

The County Planning Advisory Board recommended the BOC's pledge of Full Faith and Credit not to exceed \$600,000. Bobrin indicated the funding would be 50% Road Commission and 50% Drain's; and that reinforcing the retaining wall would be stabilizing the structural work of the channel.

Walz motioned for approval, Brackenbury seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

### **Mallet's Creek – Office of the Drain Commissioner's Full Faith and Credit Review**

The County Planning Advisory Board recommended the BOC's pledge of Full Faith and Credit not to exceed \$2.936 million. This proposal will significantly improve water quality resulting in maintenance that is easier and more affordable. Mallett Creek has strong citizen participation.

SPARK is incorporating the integration of land use and economic development in his program. He would like to meet with PAB members. There was a discussion on inviting him to the February PAB meeting or a spring workshop.

### **PAB Nominating Committee**

A nominating committee is needed to recommend new PAB Chair and Vice Chair positions. Gray, Smith and Bobrin volunteered to man that committee.

### **Mandatory Representatives**

Gray suggested that any new business on the agenda have a representative at the meeting to facilitate any question PAB members may have. If there is no representative present item can possibly be deferred to next meeting.

**Committee Reports**-There were no committee reports.

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

### **Adjourn**

Brackenbury motioned for adjournment, it was supported. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. at 705 N. Zeeb Road, **MSU lower level Conference Room.**