

COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 5, 2007

Members Present: C. Jessup, E. Eicher, L. Gridley, T. Hopkins, B. Reynolds, F. Sinclair, R. Stuck, C. Crandall
Others Present: K. Dirlam, J. Foels, J. Grigg, A. Finnemore
Call to Order: The meeting came to order at 5:50 p.m.

Comprehensive Planning – Continued Work on Project Lists:

Project work accomplished at the last meeting was compiled and the ratings given to individual issues by committee members were averaged and included. Topics covered at that meeting were:

- Land Use
- Solid Waste
- Agriculture
- History
- Data
- Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Housing

Generally, the issues receiving the highest priority ratings will be included in the finished product, with some of the other issues that seem to tie in and still have validity to be incorporated, some dropped off completely, and possibly a general statement will include some of the remaining lower rated topics.

Discussion continued on additional project sheets which included information compiled from the past ten to twelve years of planning efforts. Committee members listed issues they felt were missing and then rated the entire list by level of importance. The topics covered at this meeting were:

- Culture
- Education
- Health & Safety
- History
- Open Space/Recreation
- Business – present and potential location of industrial facilities
- Tourism
- Planning
- Pride
- Business – specific strategies
- Grants
- Marketing
- Municipal
- Property Taxes

Next Meeting:

Two meetings have been held; at least one more is needed prior to the legislative district meetings. Committee members will be contacted by e-mail for available dates within the next two weeks. The next meeting will include discussion of the :

- mission/vision of the County Comprehensive Plan,
- results of priority scoring of this evening's topics,
- method for conducting the legislative district meetings,
- materials to be presented at those meetings. (Thoughts and ideas for the mission and vision can be exchanged prior to the meeting.)

After the next meeting, information can be sent back and forth by e-mail, and it may be decided that an additional short session is needed to organize and define roles for the district meetings.

District Meetings:

The legislative district meetings will probably be scheduled for Tuesdays, beginning in late July, after the County Fair is over: July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14, August 21.

The committee will want a product that includes a mission/vision and an explanation of goals. District meetings will be conducted like public hearings, but it will be more of a public "Forum" or "Discussion" rather than "Hearing" and participants will have the opportunity to write and turn in their comments at the meeting, verbal comments will be noted, or they can e-mail or use regular mail to send comments in. It was noted that the name and affiliation of the person making comment may be needed to clarify their statement. Speakers should have an opportunity to say what they'd like, but if they get too lengthy, they could be directed to someone to talk with at the end of the meeting who can make note of their main concept. Committee members will not have to defend their position on those nights, just present the information and gather input.

Advertising for the meetings will be through press releases to radio and papers, perhaps a few prepackaged stories as to where we're going with this, and via the website: www.alleganyplanning.com .

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,
Adele Finnemore, Journal Clerk