

COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE
June 21, 2007

Members Present: C. Jessup, E. Eicher, L. Gridley, T. Hopkins, F. Sinclair, R. Stuck, C. Crandall
(Absent: Reynolds)

Others Present: K. Dirlam, J. Foels, A. Finnemore

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Committee Chairman Charles Jessup.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **The minutes from the May 29, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion made by Gridley, seconded by Hopkins and carried.**
- **The minutes from the June 5, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion made by Gridley, seconded by Hopkins and carried.**

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING – REVIEW OF WORK ON PROJECT LISTS:

- Ron Stuck provided a copy of a study from 1997 for a factory outlet mall.
- Fred Sinclair provided additional copies of the agriculture development plan.
- Ron Stuck discussed the idea of development districts within the County. Need to include desires of assisting or creating, if possible for county level or multi-jurisdictional business development districts. This would allow us to draw line around whatever we want to have this as a district. The main purpose for rural towns and villages would be for downtown rehabilitation. NY state comes up with programs to pay for engineering which entices municipalities, but project has to be done their way and encourages towns to pay large amount for match. Whereas a business development district allows municipality to draw line around area and then to raise money, bond on anticipation basis, and then to assess fee to people benefited by it to pay share. Taxing authority in district and the fee collected through tax assessor. Have Mr. Crandall talk with county attorney Guiney about legal issues.

PROJECT LIST REVIEW:

- Project work accomplished at the last meeting was compiled and the ratings given to individual issues by committee members were averaged and included. Results were reviewed.
- A list was distributed listing of topics that came in as worst: obtaining state grant for friendship rest stop area infrastructure rated 0.1 - unfortunately rail tour issue still came up at only a 1.5 rating.
- Next distributed sheets with best rated issues – rated 2.5 to 3 – top 7 are 3, but the ones rated at 2.9 and 2.8 all very close: central data collection center – down further – county mapping in 2.9 section – solid projects – county map set in two different ways – lots of transportation issues – chart in back – to see how things were rated – 2/3 of items came out between 2 and 3 – 130 out of 190 – liked. Small amount were in bottom of ratings.
- The entire project listing was distributed, including work accomplished at both sessions. This documentation provides back up on how the committee came up with issues, group worked on together and voted separately. Next step is to consolidate into concepts in a format to present to public. Chuck Jessup noted that most of information came from other meetings and other planning sessions and had probably 12 different plans and they all had at least 10 or more people providing input. In essence at least 120 people had input on the original ideas, not just a small group of people deciding on issues. The question of does anything come to mind that we don't have? May be room for improvements – i.e. only had couple of items for health and safety – wonder if enough. Education combined a lot into some areas. Health and safety: another group is doing study on health. The rural health network is working on the

transportation plan related to public health issues due to be completed by October 1. After that is done they'll work on health care and so there will be a lot more info available soon which we can insert into plan.

Plans

Other Plans that are either done or in the works include:

- **Public transportation plan** – work, health, tourism – rural health network 2007
- **Housing** – hud plan - ACCORD; 2007
- **Health care** – rural health network Late 2007
- **Ag development plan 2005**
- **Outlet mall study** – 1997
- **Multijurisdictional hazard mitigation plan 2005** – very comprehensive public safety piece – done and approved by county, state and fema – gets updated every year
- **Red cross disaster plan for county** – just updated – 2007
- **United way community needs assessment 2007**
- **Emergency action plan** – john tucker has recently formulated an– includes specific responsibilities; 2007
- **Solid waste plan 2007**

Tasks – We've been working on prioritizing these and now they need to be worked over to make sense.

Reports – existing (if anything else not included on list – let us know);

Wanted Studies/Reports - (some of things need to do in future to get some of projects done)

Implementation of plan and methods to implement the Plan

All three items tie together

Next steps to succeed:

Timeline:

Early July – refine tasks – email back and forth – by sections

Development office to book halls for district meetings – locations capable of holding 50 people, chairs available, electricity, handicapped accessibility, bathrooms.

Late July to August – public sessions

August 15 – Planning board picnic – will invite Village & Town planning board members and supervisors and mayors, legislators – will try to do at crossroads - can do 80 – will have to limit.

Week after last session – will have to digest as a group – try to have everyone at every session – to hear all comments – get a better feel for what was meant

September – refine results; regroup time; set stage for rest of fall – edit mode, writing a lot

October through November – start SEQR; environmental impact statement –

December – SEQR - according to state – seqr is required

January – public hearings – early January – have to keep it open certain length of time

February – board approval

NEXT MEETING:

- After some discussion it was determined that the next regular meeting will occur after the public District Sessions and Planning Board picnic meeting. Probably late August or Early September.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- The legislative district meetings are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: July 24, July 31, August 7, August 14, and August 21. The Planning Board Picnic on August 15 will also be considered a session. The Development Office will take care of arranging sites for those evenings.

MISSION/VISION STATEMENT:

- A discussion on the Vision and Mission Statements was held. A draft Vision statement was developed which covers what we expect to try to accomplish. Additional work is going to be done on the Mission Statement which will include more of the general methods utilized.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Email – review of info – mission and vision email back and forth – E-Mail notice about next meeting
- If there are any budgetary suggestions for county should assemble those now so that they can get into the 2008 budget process.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. following a motion made by Gridley, seconded by Eicher and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adele Finnemore, Journal Clerk