

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Development & Planning (D&P)**
CHAIRPERSON: **Ron Mapes**
DATE/TIME: **April 28, 2009**

PRESENT:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Merri Berlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Monk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Mapes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Lorig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marvin Schultz

Other Board members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Pat Leitzen-Fye

Ron Mapes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Minutes.** Marvin Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2009 as written and to amend the minutes of February 24, 2009 as follows: page 5 (7th line from the bottom of the page: change Finance committee to Development and Planning committee) and page 6: (middle of the page strike, 'and' from Monk's motion); Kim Monk seconded and the motion passed.
2. **Citizens' Comments.** None.
3. **Staff Reports**
 - a) **Economic Development.** Pat Leitzen-Fye reported on the Ag Impact Study. She distributed a document produced by the State of Wisconsin whose format she would like to use for the Study she has been working on. This format is concise and easy to comprehend. The committee approved the use of the new format. The CEDS committee will be reviewing the Business Retention Survey reports in June for an initial review and analysis. TCEDA will hold its first full board meeting on April 30th. Schultz will serve on TCEDA's board which will provide a communication link between the County and TCEDA.
 - b) **Building and Zoning.** A monthly building permits report was provided. Board members were encouraged to direct any questions regarding the zoning ordinance rewrite to Linda Delvaux prior to the next County Board meeting on May 12, 2009. Discussion centered on the administration of the ordinance.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) **Review Revolving Loan Fund Program.** Mapes reported that he asked the CDC bankers to review the Revolving Loan Fund document. They commented that the County should require some security or collateral on all loans, currently only some loans are secured; all other aspects of the document were found to be satisfactory. After some discussion, the committee agreed to add a 'revised or amended date' to the document each time there is a revision. Discussion centered on the status of existing loans. Reimer reported there are currently four outstanding revolving fund loans: Lange Sign, Cotton Expressions, Elizabeth Nursing Home, Hoskins Lumber. Lorig suggested that a revolving loan status report be made available to the committee on a quarterly basis. This will be implemented next month. After further discussion it was agreed the revolving loan document will be on next month's agenda and that Leitzen-Fye will present revisions to 'financing gap' wording and 'collateral requirements'.
 - b) **Review Comprehensive Plan.** No new updates.
 - c) **Update on SB1783 regarding Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.** Schultz reported that Carroll and Stephenson counties passed resolutions in support of this bill. After some discussion, **Berlage made a motion to move forward a resolution in support of SB1783 Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority. Ron Smith seconded and the motion passed.**

Conversation centered on SB1784 Upper Mississippi River Port. **The committee agreed to move forward without recommendation (not on agenda) support of SB1784 for the creation of the Upper Mississippi River International Port District.**

Conversation centered on SB0043 Prevailing Wage - Projects. After some discussion, it was agreed to **move forward without recommendation (not on agenda), SB0043 to the County Board agenda, for discussion and possible action regarding SB0043 Prevailing Wage –Projects.**

- d) **Historic Preservation.** Monk reported that creating an ordinance for historic preservation will be a labor intensive task and will require grass roots involvement. He learned that the State does give counties the ability to make historic preservation districts. The goal is to make this a voluntary preservation district that will assist people if they voluntarily choose it. He stated that completing this task will take a few more months. This item will remain on the agenda. Mapes requested that Monk present a monthly status report.
- e) **Strategic Plan – 2009 Goals.** Mapes reported that the goals for this committee are nearly complete; the zoning ordinance rewrite will be on the May 12th County Board agenda.

5. New Business

- a) **Notice of Annexation.** Schultz reported on the County’s request that municipalities send notification in writing of any annexations. The municipality of Elizabeth has submitted plans and descriptions on their new subdivision.

6. Other Business.

- a) **Mega Dairy Farm Lawsuits.** Mapes reported that it appears this could be a lengthy process.
- b) **Wind Farms.** Schultz commented on the Eco Energy project, due to come into Jo Daviess County in the near future. He also stated that a wind farm is scheduled to be erected in the Cuba City area.
- c) **Greenways and Trails.** Reimer reported on the disbursement of Greenways and Trails Poster Plans. He stated that the goal is to strategically distribute the poster plans to the appropriate entities and people. Of the remaining 350-400 posters, Reimer asked whether or not \$5.00/poster should be charged to the public (the proceeds would be used for reprinting of the posters). The committee agreed to this.

7. Citizens’ Comments. None.

- 8. **Board Member Concerns.** Berlage commented on inquiries she has received regarding changes made to the Triathlon; the change of venue is to keep the event ‘fresh’ and is something that had been discussed during the initial planning process.

Next regular meeting May 26, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm following a motion made by Lorig and seconded by Berlage.