

Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting minutes (July 1, 2008)

Minutes for Town of Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting

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The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with 9 citizens including Town Chairman Bill Ingersoll present. Discussion of the Land Use Element was completed, going over the last 4 Goals listed in that element. No major changes were requested by those present.

Dale Konle and Sally Williams summarized the meeting they had with Steve Grabow regarding how to format each element in the final document in order to make the document as clear and readable as possible. Steve suggested the following format: first, list the visions (or goals) of the town related to that element; second, list the strategies (policies) which the town would employ in order fulfill the visions; third, supply all background information and information necessary to fulfill statutory requirements for the given element; fourth, a discussion of any issues related to the element. Steve suggested reformatting the plan in this fashion and then reviewing the visions and strategies in each element to determine which visions and strategies would be addressed in the short term, and which would be enacted in the longer term. From this, the Implementation Element could be written.

The remainder of the meeting centered around a discussion of issues which had been identified as non-consensus points throughout the planning process, and how to communicate these items to the general public to elicit input from as large a cross-section of the community as possible. It was decided that, as stated in the Public Participation Plan, each issue would be formulated into a question which is mutually acceptable to those citizens in the volunteer group. The questions would include background information and a list of pros and cons associated with the issue. This information would then be put into a questionnaire which would be sent to each citizen or household. A meeting would also be scheduled to discuss these same issues, and citizens who are interested could attend the meeting for further discussion in addition to returning the questionnaire. The list of non-consensus issues generated through discussion is as follows: 1) Should the town support or oppose the state construction of a Park and Ride lot at the corner of CTH-F and I-94? 2) Should the town support or oppose the construction of a full diamond interchange at the willow Glen exit? 3) Should the Comprehensive Plan allow for expansion of the existing hamlet to include the area around the CTH-F/ I94 interchange? 4) Should the Comprehensive Plan allow for the creation of more than one hamlet area in the town if such hamlets were allowed by the county? 5) Should the Comprehensive Plan allow for the creation of a public sanitary sewer system? 6) Should the Comprehensive Plan allow for the creation of further private sanitary sewer systems (such as at Spacious Acres)? 7) Should the Comprehensive Plan allow for the creation of Community wells?

These issues will be communicated to the concordwisconsin.org mailing list so that those people on the list can develop a list of pros and cons relating to the issues. List members will also be asked to bring up any other issues which they think of as non-consensus points which should be included in the questionnaire. At the next first Tuesday meeting on August 5, a questionnaire will be developed which addresses these issues.

