

**MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008  
SHARON TOWNSHIP HALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular monthly meeting of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Mull at 7:58 p.m. with pledge allegiance to the flag.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Jolea Mull, Laurie Fromhart, Pat Vaillencourt, Jeff Wallace, Ron Mann, Deena McIntosh, Dale Weidmayer, and Larry Lindeman.

Also present: Mark Roby, Terri Blackmore, Melissa Milton-Pung, Don Limpert, Andrea Bibby, George Daubner, Martin Way, Rich Jones, Bill Lewis, Jesse O’Jack, Barb Fuller and Karl Raesnis.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Vaillencourt moved to approve the agenda as presented. McIntosh seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Corrections to the 6/11/08 minutes: Under item VIII. strike the letter “O” in the heading and insert the letter “Q”. **Mann moved to approve the June 11, 2008 meeting minutes as amended. Vaillencourt seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

**V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

There were no public comments.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Introduction – Melissa Milton-Pung**

Roby introduced Melissa Milton-Pung as a county planner that will be partnering with him on the MCJPC project. Pung is a historic preservation specialist and will be working closely with the MCJPC to help maintain the community’s character throughout the plan. Pung was a leader in the creation of the heritage driving tours project for the county. Pung said she has implemented policies on other projects to preserve community character and is very glad to be working on the MCJPC project.

**2. Transportation Chapter – Presentation by Terri Blackmore**

Terri Blackmore, Executive Director for Washtenaw Area Transportation Study, presented the county’s transit and non-motorized plans. Blackmore explained that WATS is an independent intergovernmental agency formed by the federal government to guide federal, state and local funding for transportation planning. WATS analyzed data to support a countywide service plan by the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) and other transit providers. Blackmore presented a power point presentation on existing service improvements and expansions, new countywide and regional services, transit plan deficiency criteria, and plan recommendations. Blackmore explained the goals and objectives of the transit and non-motorized plans are to promote economic vitality and quality of life for county residents.

Blackmore's presentation was followed by a brief question and answer period. Members raised questions regarding telecommunication services versus commuter services, projected date for services, and how road classification determines if federal money is available for improvements.

**VII. Old Business**

**1. Local PC feedback on Transportation Chapter**

Members discussed feedback from local planning commissions on the draft transportation chapter. Some planning commissions still need to provide written feedback to Roby. Members discussed the WCRC's ROW Master Plan and whether the MCJPC should support it or not. Members also discussed the definition of natural beauty and scenic roads and determined that all roads in the MCJPC area are scenic. Roby will revise the chapter based on comments discussed tonight and further feedback from planning commissions. Roby will provide a revised draft of the transportation chapter for the September meeting.

The MCJPC tabled discussion on the natural features module and community facilities outline due to the late hour.

**VII. Citizen Participation**

There were no public comments.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Vaillencourt moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Mull seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.**

Minutes by Laurie Fromhart