

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL

MINUTES (unapproved)

1. Call to Order by Chairperson Vaillencourt at 7:05 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sign In: Pat Vaillencourt (Village), Karl Racenis (Village), Cindy Carver (Bridgewater Twp), Mike Bisco (Bridgewater Twp), Bob Little (Freedom Twp), Stan Tschiltz (Freedom Twp), Ron Ellison (Manchester Community Schools), Ron Mann (Manchester Twp), George Daubner (Manchester Twp), Gary Blades (Sharon Twp), Bill Lewis (Sharon Twp), Mark Roby (WC Planning & Environment), Brian Sharkey (WCRC), Bill DeGroot, Ray Berg, Pete Stumpo, Bill Chizmar, Roy Gourley, Jeff Wallace, Sara Bassett, Ed Freundl, Jim Fish, Dave Faust, Peter DeLoof, Shirley Haeusler, John Hinkley, Jolea Mull, Sybil Kolon, Greg Zamenski, Amy Riley, Dick Irwin, Jennifer Alexa, Jesse O'Jack, Paul Siersma, Joe Vandermeulen (LIAA), Heather Seyfarth (LIAA).
4. Introductions
5. Approval of Agenda Little motion/Mann second/approved by acclamation.
6. Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2006 meeting, Mann motion/Little second/approved by acclamation.
7. Partnerships for Change – Regional Planning Kickoff Meeting
 - Roby-introduced Joe Vandermeulen and Heather Seyfarth from LIAA (Land Information Access Association).
 - Vandermeulen-made presentation on Partnerships for Change Grant received by SWWCOG.
 - Distributed Workplan and LIAA Newsletter.
 - Web page for this project will be put together at www.partnershipsforchange.cc .
 - Project Goals:
 1. Establishing Urban Growth Boundary
 2. Determining appropriate uses for 425 agreements
 3. Identifying sites for high density/workforce housing.
 4. Establishing the best placement for buffers and greenways.
 5. Compare local plans and determining best way to incorporate the above topics as policy.
 - Seyfarth-reviewed SWWCOG and County Land Uses & Map
 - Discussed what's been done?
 - Mann-no service duplication.
 - Greenway
 - open space
 - private/public?
 - parks
 - Do we need a Greenway?
 - Transitional Zone.
 - “Sell” the area.

- Using this as a plan.
- LIAA's is about Policy Change as the performance measure.
- Proposed Work Plan presented, described and discussed.

Jim Fish-indicated that Clinton development should be considered in Bridgewater Twp.

Gary Blades-similarly stated that Sharon Twp is involved in Chelsea development.

Vandermeulen-recommended that this program continue as part of the monthly SWWCOG Meetings. Mann suggested that major focus of next 10-12 SWWCOG meetings be dedicated to LIAA. This was generally agreed to by all representatives.

Vandermeulen-asked about scheduling 1-2 extended sessions for special speakers and topics. The representatives agreed that that was possible.

Seyfarth-suggested that next month's topic will be to define buffer areas as opposed to greenbelts or greenways.

8. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg

Berg-contract negotiation ongoing, should be signed next week, then pilots programs will start, will work with SWWCOG to decide how far out from Village this will go. Announcement will be made next week.

9. Roundtable Discussion –

- Manchester Schools,
Ron Ellison, new bus garage up and running, school in session.
- Sharon Township,
Blades-right address finally on Twp Hall built in 1817.
- Freedom Township,
Bob Little-Tabled PDR ordinance.
- Bridgewater Township,
Cindy Carver-introduced Mike Bisco as new Planning Commission Chair.
- Manchester Township,
Mann-passed community septic system ordinance using County model ordinance.
Tschiltz asked for copy of ordinance for Freedom
Former K&W becoming new strip mall, creating parking and sign problems.
- Manchester Village
Vailliencourt-55 acre commercial rezoning request remanded back to Planning Commission.
Scully property proposed for development including Senior housing.
Preliminary Site Plan approved for Mitchell property.
Meeting with MDOT for 2008 M-52 project through Village scheduled for September 14.
Wallace-elevator construction in progress for District Library at Village Hall.
Hibbard St. being redone in 2007, with options considered for front parking lot at Village Hall.

Adjourned at 8:47 PM

The next regular meeting will be October 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM, Bridgewater Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary