



**ACME TOWNSHIP  
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Monday October 31, 2005, 9:00 p.m.  
Acme Township Hall  
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 9:10 p.m.**

**Members present:** M. Krakow , L. Craig (Co-Chairs) D. Krause, D. Rohn, N. Veliquette  
S. Corpe (Ex-officio)  
**Members absent:** None  
**Staff present:** N. Edwardson, Staff

Krause would like to remove “and sharing the vision within the master plan” from the mission statement. Corpe questioned why the reference to the Master plan would be removed, since it is the basis for the committee’s mission. Veliquette was concerned with the wording, since idea of urban center is in Master Plan. Corpe suggested replacing “select with “recommend to the Township Board” which was agreed upon.

**MOTION BY VELIQUETTE. SECOND BY ROHN to adopt mission statement as amended. The chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.**

The mission statement reads “To recommend to the Township Board a New Urbanism Planner for Acme Township that has knowledge and experience in New Urbanistic Design and employs the vision within the master plan to prepare an overall master design for an Acme Township Urban Center.”

**MOTION BY ROHN. SECOND BY KRAKOW to accept “Robert’s Rules of Order as presented. The chair cast an unanimous ballot there being no objection.**

We discussed the ex-officio appointments to the committee. We need to firm up names, as this is tentative. Corpe noted that there isn’t currently a County Planner, but interviews are being conducted this week. She suggested contacting John Hagan, City Planning Commissioner Chair to ask for a representative. Corpe was asked to contact Lee Bussa to see if he is interested. Jim Goss asked to contact Scott Nowakowski. Paul Brink and Jo Collins would like to share a spot together. Corpe asked to contact Wade Trim to be a participant. Andy Andres Sr. and Jr. will share a ex-officio slot. Krakow hopes that there will be a variety of input from the citizens at the meetings. Rohn observed these meetings are open to the public so #10 Acme Township Citizen can be deleted. Krakow will contact Todd Gokey. Corpe will draft cover letter to go with minutes and explanation of ex-officio role. Rohn expressed concerns about Iacoangeli charging. Corpe will speak to him to see if he would be willing to attend at no charge. Jim Goss asked if Mr. Kettlewell, the owner of the property east of Meijer is being invited, or if a Tribal representative was. Corpe noted that the group is charged with looking at the three parcels mentioned for a town center in the master plan. The Gokey property was originally part of what is now the VGT, and the Andres property is surrounded. There

was consensus that adding more properties is outside of the committee's scope at this time. It was also noted that these are open meetings that all may attend.

**MOTION BY ROHN, SUPPORTED BY KRAUSE TO ACCEPT LIST OF EX-OFFICIO INVITEES AS DISCUSSED. The chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.**

Craig suggested a letter of thanks to the other candidates who had applied to the committee. Rohn will draft a letter for Craig/Krakow to sign. Letter will include meeting schedule and invitation to participate. Corpe encouraged emailing agendas to township for posting on website.

We discussed the budget for travel expenses, or expenses in having people come to town. Corpe suggested that a very detailed request be made, possibly for less money. Corpe will see if the request can be added to the agenda. Veliquette will produce some figures for the request and as many members as possible will attend the board meeting Tuesday evening. Corpe to see about joining CNU on behalf of the township. Krakow has contact information.

Krakow suggested that by Friday, November 4, 2005, the committee members should have some idea of what would be good to include in the packet. Krause provided draft to be posted to the CNU site. Krakow suggested adding comment on time limitations.

**MOTION BY KRAKOW. SECOND BY ROHN to approve RFQ language as amended. Corpe to post to CNU website. The chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.**

Corpe will provided a list of requestors as they occur.

Andy Andres, Sr, 4946 E M72, commented you can hire all the New Urbanists you want, but the decision will really ultimately be made by Dr. Johnson, VGT and Meijer. Why not travel and look at some sites? Why is anyone needed on the committee other than the landowners, CCAT and ATRG ? He doesn't believe the project can be done for \$7000 and the money will be wasted if the landowners reject it. Outsiders don't know what we want. Let's work within the community. Krakow responded that drawing on community planning resources is the point of having the ex-officio members. The committee is trying to start by gathering information and gaining the cooperation of the landowners in moving forward. The committee was formed to help formalize a public input process.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:23 P.M.**

