



ACME TOWNSHIP
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, November 04, 2005, 1:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 1:10 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, Recording Secretary

Krakow asked Corpe if she had received any information from anyone that she had notified since the last meeting. Corpe said no not at this time. We discussed the mission statement that was adopted on October 31, 2005. We discussed the Ex-Officio appointments. We have firmed up our selections. Corpe stated that Wade Trim was interested in applying for The New Urbanism (NU) Planner, would there be a problem if they also were ex-officio participants. Krakow saw no problem at this time.

Corpe will continuing working on the Cover Letter to be sent to Ex-Officio representatives. Craig read a draft letter written by Rohn thanking each applicant to the Advisory Committee. Krakow thanked Rohn for writing and sending out these letters.

Krakow said at the November Board Meeting up to \$5000.00 was approved for Committee expenses. Each request must be approved by the board first.

Craig presented a "Timeline" for the completion of our task. There was much discussion in regards to this timeline as there was a general feeling among the committee members that we where pushing for too much in a small amount of time. We have decided on a target day of November 16, for marketing information to be in; on November 18, the committee will decide who receives our informational packet. On December 2, detailed proposals will be due, and by December 5, the committee will decide who to interview. Between December 6-16 interviews will be scheduled and a recommendation will be presented at the January Board meeting.

Andy Andres, Jr, 4946 E M72, commented on what a monumental task is before this committee. Mr. Andres said it is your task to select a NU planner that will meet with the landowners' approval. Corpe replied landowners as ex-officio members will have input into the selection.

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Krakow asked if there was any public comment.

Andy Andres, Sr., 4946 E M72, took issue with three people on the ex-officio list: Jim Lively-Michigan Land Use, Wade Trim Consulting and Becker and Raeder. Mr. Andres expressed concern about who would be paying for these services. He does not want to go deeper in debt. Mr. Andres said at a recent board meeting the Board would not approve an additional \$1,000.00 for this committee. Mr. Andres said there is not enough trust.

Krakow commented that it was this committee's job to recommend a planner. The people mentioned by Mr. Andres are resources that we could draw knowledge from. The Board must work out the financial concerns. There are no perfect solutions. We must explore the possibilities.

Paul Brink, 9617 Winter Road, said in the CNU book there is a section on finances. Mr. Brink mentioned several foundations in Michigan that might be interested in grant money to this committee. One was the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint, Michigan. Mr. Brink will make a call to this foundation seeking information.

Krause is finalizing a R.F.Q. to be sent to the C.N.U. respondents. He will mirror it with one that Corpe used in selecting a recent planner for the Township. Krause will present a draft at the November 11, 2005, Friday meeting.

Jim Goss, 4105 Bay Valley Drive, commented that Gourdie Fraser would have maps that we could use.

There was two corrections to the minutes, on October 28, 2005 in the first paragraph page 2, Veliquette said the word "county" should read "country", on October 31, on page 2, first paragraph Rohn said the word "was" needed to be inserted before the word "consensus". They are corrected.

Motion by Krause, supported by Rohn to accept the minutes of October 28 and 31, meetings as corrected. Motion carried.

Krakov made public an interview that was held on November 2, 2005, with Chester Hill of the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio, a rather small firm based out of Ann Arbor with a office in Traverse City. Krakow said their concepts were interesting, but he feels that as a small firm this project may be beyond their scope.

MOTION BY KRAUSE. SECONDED BY ROHN to adjorn meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 3:08 p.m.