



ACME TOWNSHIP
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, December 23, 2005, 1:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 1:07 p.m.

Members present: M. Krakow , (Co-Chairs) D. Krause, N. Veliquette
Ex-officio representatives A. Andres Jr., L. Bussa,
R. Reinhold, S. Corpe

Members absent: A. Andres Sr., J. Collins, L. Craig, T. Gokey, J. Goss, L. Grant, J. Icoangelli,
J. Lively, S. Nowakowski, D. Rohn, S. Smith

Krakow added Gibbs to the “short list” of firms still under consideration. Krause will follow up with Mr. Gibbs to see if he still plans to partner with Moule Polizoides.

Krakow has had e-mail from Gibbs, who will be in Harbor Springs for the holiday. Gibbs would like to meet with the committee next week somewhere between Acme and Harbor Springs. Krause will arrange a time and place to meet him, Veliquette would like to attend. Krakow will be out of town next week. He would also like to try to talk Gibbs into coming on down to Acme to review materials on file. Krause feels this is less critical, since Gibbs proposed a plan here once before and is familiar with the area.

Regular meetings of the advisory for next week are cancelled. Next meeting will be January 2. The group is still on track to present a recommendation to the Board in early February at their regular meeting.

Bussa asked about how a selection will be made. He would like Dr. Johnson to be able to participate in the selection process from his home in California. Corpe stated that Wade-Trim and RTKL have both provided PDF versions of their proposals that can be e-mailed to Dr. Johnson. He can also be conferenced into meetings in mid-January. Bussa noted that each landowner will bring their own set of questions and criteria to the table. Krakow hopes that the questions will remain fairly general in nature-theory rather than where a certain land use might go on a certain property. Andres suggested that the group work on a joint list.

There was general discussion about whether or not to be flexible with the December 30 written submission deadline. In particular, discussions with Senen Antonio and Bob Gibbs are expected to occur next week, and they may need a few extra days to prepare. It was agreed that for these two firms it would be acceptable. No submissions will be opened until the submission window is finally closed.

Krause and Veliquette will make the presentation to the Board, including a brief primer on New Urbanism.

For the Wednesday, January 4th meeting everyone should bring a beginning list of questions. There will be no meeting December 26, 30 or January 2, but there will be a 1:00 meeting on January 4.

Some educational materials about New Urbanism will be prepared for February 10, although it may or may not be used. Some thought it might be better to focus on the consensus-building nature of the project between the township, landowners and various community groups. It may be important to incorporate some general New Urbanist information so the Board and public understand that the committee is making its recommendation based in part on how well the chosen planner can uphold New Urbanist values.

Rohn talked to Marsha Smith from Rotary Charities, which may be interested in providing some funding. Veliquette stated that he's been thinking in terms of affordable housing inclusion as a key inducement to public funding. Our situation is more complex than most, in that there are multiple properties/owners involved.

Krakov has spoken with Sen Antonio from DPZ several times. Mr. Antonio is meeting with Meijer, Inc. on Tuesday. Depending on how that goes, he may ask for a meeting with the committee.

Noelle Knopf, 5796 US 31 North, referred to comments about Wade-Trim being somewhat frustrated by deadline extensions. She sees them as having a significant advantage in preparing for a proposal through being local and working with the township on the future land use map for us.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:50 p.m.