

**Kenosha County
Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (MJAC)
("Smart Growth")**

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Call to Order: John Holloway, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Committee Members and Staff Introductions: Vice-Chairman Holloway called for introductions. Voting, non-voting representatives, and County staff then briefly introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Sue Crane to approve the February 15, 2022 MJAC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dennis Faber and passed unanimously by a voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

Review and Possible Action on Draft Annual Report, "A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: 2035, 2022 Annual Report": Mr. Fiebelkorn provided a brief overview of the draft annual report, which covers the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Mr. Fiebelkorn also stated that changes have been made to two of the listed Recommended Programs & Priorities:

1. Under the "Agriculture, Natural, & Cultural Resources Element" section, changed the status to from "Continuous" to "In-Progress" for "Maintain, update, and implement recommendations set forth in the Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan."
2. Under the "Transportation Element" section, added a recommend program and priority having an "In-Progress" status and described as, "Develop and implement a plan to provide micro-transit transportation to the County's employment centers."

During discussion it was recommended two revisions be made to two of the listed Recommended Programs & Priorities:

1. Under the "Economic Development Element" section, revise following recommend program and priority from:

∞Program: Develop telecommunications and technology strategies for the County to ensure access to wireless voice and data communications networks for County businesses and residents, including residents who telecommute or operate a home-based business.

to:

∞Program: Together with input from the Kenosha County Broadband Advisory Committee, develop telecommunications and technology strategies for the County to ensure access to wireless voice and data communications networks for County businesses and residents, including residents who telecommute or operate a home-based business.

2. Under the "Economic Development Element" section, revise following recommend program and priority from:

#Program: *Develop an incentive program to attract businesses that utilize sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic development concepts such as the use of renewable energy sources; building and landscape designs that reduce the use of toxic chemicals, reduce the use of impervious building materials, and utilize other “green” development measures; and provide jobs that pay wages sufficient to meet the cost of living in Kenosha County.*

to:

~Program: *Seek opportunities to attract businesses that utilize sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic development concepts such as the use of renewable energy sources; building and landscape designs that reduce the use of toxic chemicals, reduce the use of impervious building materials, and utilize other “green” development measures; and provide jobs that pay wages sufficient to meet the cost of living in Kenosha County.*

Mr. Fiebelkorn also stated that under the Proposed Plan Amendment section language was added regarding the ongoing work between SEWRPC and Kenosha County Division of Health to create a Health element to be added to the Kenosha County Comprehensive Plan.

During discussion it was recommended that language be added to the Recommended Programs & Priorities section regarding the anticipated adoption of a chapter on health – likely with a health element getting its own section.

Jason Peters from the Village of Somers stated the two land use plan map amendments for the Village of Somers listed on the draft 2022 annual report are anticipated to have their ordinances passed by the Village Board in 2023, therefore the two amendments will be removed from the 2022 annual report and held until preparation of the 2023 annual report.

Mr. Fiebelkorn noted that with the revisions there were 17 comp plan amendments, five(5) amendments within the City of Kenosha, two (2) amendments within the Village of Bristol plus a comprehensive map change, six (6) amendments within the Village of Pleasant Prairie and four (4) amendments within the unincorporated areas of Kenosha County (Towns of Brighton, Paris, Randall, Somers and Wheatland). The Adopted Land Use Plan Map for Kenosha County: 2035 has yet to be updated before formal approval/publication of the report.

Jean Werbie-Harris made a motion to approve “A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: 2035, 2022 Annual Report” subject to Kenosha County Planning & Development staff revising the report per the aforementioned recommendations, completing the language for the recently submitted Village of Pleasant Prairie land use plan map amendments and updating county-wide map on page 7 prior to submittal of the report to the Kenosha County Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee. The motion was seconded by Dennis Faber and passed by a unanimous voice vote of the MJAC representatives.

Review/Discuss existing Procedures for Land Use Plan Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan: Mr. Fiebelkorn asked the committee if they had any questions regarding the procedures for land use plan amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. No discussion took place.

Discussion of Public Participation Plan: Joel Dietl from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) was present to discuss participating communities’ responsibilities regarding their own individual public participation plan.

Discussion regarding the inclusion of a chapter on health: Joel Dietl from the Southeastern Wisconsin

Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) was present to discuss the ongoing work regarding preparation of a chapter on health.

Discussion of 10-year Update: Discussion took place regarding the 10-year update.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Adjournment: On a motion made by Randy Kerkman and seconded by Sue Crane, the meeting was adjourned.