

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Saline Sustainability Circle**  
**Tuesday January 15, 2008**  
**Brecon Village**

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Lirones called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Present:

Lodi Township: Jack Steeb, Doug Veenstra

Pittsfield Township: Christina Lirones, Jim Walter, Judith Walter

Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Larry Osterling

Saline Area Schools: Cyndi McLennan, Thomas Wall

City of Saline: Gretchen Driskell, David Rhoads

Saline Reporter: Brian Cox

York Township: Keith Fineberg, Jane Kartje

Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners: Jessica Ping

Washtenaw County Planning and Environment: Terry Brinkman, Josh Long, Mike Scholl

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from November 20, 2007

Motion by Steeb, Supported by Walter to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

3. SEMCOG and LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) data: Use and analysis of census data – Terry Brinkman

Terry Brinkman provided an overview of the current draft SEMCOG projections through 2035. SEMCOG will accept comments and data updates from local units of government through January 18, 2008. The data will be reviewed at the SEMCOG Executive Committee meetings on January 25 and February 22.

Terry Brinkman also provided an overview of the Census Bureau Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) process. The Census Bureaus needs an accurate address list to use in the 2010 census. Local governments are invited to participate in the process. Participation is optional; the time window for participation ends April 1, 2008. Washtenaw County is participating; local governments may forward information to Terry Brinkman for inclusion if the local unit does not want to participate directly.

Further information from the Census Bureau may be obtained by contacting Erin Austin in the Geography Department at the Detroit Regional Center of the Census Bureau.

A copy of the presentation is available at

[http://salinesustainability.org/meetings/2008%20Meetings/SEMCOG\\_LUCA\\_01152008.pdf](http://salinesustainability.org/meetings/2008%20Meetings/SEMCOG_LUCA_01152008.pdf)

4. Saline Area Schools Bus Stops – Tom Wall

Saline Area Schools are attempting to control expenses in all areas due to the tight funding situation. Transportation is one area being targeted. Several bus stops were eliminated at the start of the 2007-2008 school year; some were reinstated after parents objected. Transportation routes are being reevaluated with new software for the 2008-2009 school year. Routes will likely be reconfigured and more stops consolidated.

More stops are being used than are theoretically necessary due to road configurations within subdivisions. The transportation office is willing to review site plans for proposed subdivisions with local staff to make suggestions for improving student safety.

Members present suggested that the school system provide design guidelines for possible inclusion in local zoning ordinances. These could include sidewalks and streetlights in subdivisions.

In response to comments from residents of Centennial Park, the only buses now going through Centennial Park are picking up or dropping off students within the subdivision. Drivers of buses previously traveling through Centennial Park have reported that using Textile Road to State Road instead reduces travel time.

A copy of the presentation is available on the Saline Area Schools website in the budget section <http://www.salineschools.com/budget/> under Other Departments Presentations and Information.

5. Nomination of the Saline Sustainability Circle to the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners desires to have representation from the various regional planning groups on the Planning Advisory Board. Consequently, the Board has requested each of the groups to nominate a representative to the Planning Advisory Board.

Feliziana Meyer nominated by Walter, supported by Lirones.

Motion by Steeb, supported by Walter, to close nominations.

Meyer elected by acclamation.

6. Future Agenda Items

Downtown Saline plans (Gretchen Driskell or Art Trapp)

WATS plan (Teri Blackmore)

Introduction of the new Saline city Manager

Review the Regional Planning Guidelines with the following objectives:

- Make the document more formal and concrete
- Incorporate Saline River Watershed issues
- Incorporate the Saline River Greenway Alliance
- Address Private Wastewater Treatment Plants

Develop a strategy for Private Wastewater Treatment Plants within the SSC region

7. Meeting Notices and Announcements

January 19 – Historic Society will hold an antique sale at the Farm Council Grounds from 8:00 - 5:00.

February 7 – Ladies Night Out in Downtown Saline.

April 19 – York Township will have an Earth Day celebration at Sandra Richardson Park.

April – Saline Salutes. The Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for honorees. See the web site at <http://www.salinechamber.com/awards.htm> for details.

The Lower Town brownfield development in Ann Arbor broke ground last week.

Sylvan Township has passed a wind turbine ordinance. A wind suitability test is planned for the Chrysler Proving Ground. The County is planning to develop a model wind turbine ordinance for consideration by local units of government.

8. Next Meeting Date and Location

February 19, 2008 – York Township

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kartje, supported by Steeb. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Veenstra, Secretary