

Meeting Minutes
Saline Sustainability Circle
Tuesday February 17, 2009
Union School, Saline

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Present:

Lodi Township: Jack Steeb

Pittsfield Township: Barb Fuller, Jerry Krone

Saline Area Schools: Tom Wall

Saline Area Chamber of Commerce: Larry Osterling

City of Saline: Todd Campbell, Gretchen Driskell, David Rhoads, Art Trapp

Washtenaw County Office of Strategic Planning: Brett Lenart

York Township: Jane Kartje, Gary Zajac

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from January 20, 2009

Motion by Rhoads, supported by Zajac, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of Joint Planning Commissions

Bret Lenart of the Washtenaw County Office of Strategic Planning discussed joint planning commissions

- Regional Plan helps guide future events
 - Better decision-making
- What makes it work
 - Goals
 - Team
 - Plan
- Continuum of cooperation
 - Land use development / Public services
- Joint Municipal Planning Act (PA226 of 2003) allows Joint Planning Commissions and Joint Master Plans
- Many challenges to cooperation
- Current Joint Planning Commissions – 9
- Land Information Access Association (LIAA) technical assistance is available. See the LIAA website at <http://www.liaa.org/>.
- The *Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities Program* is now seeking new proposals for grants for cooperative planning projects from partnerships composed of two or more cities, townships and villages. See its website at <http://www.partnershipsforchange.cc/rfp.asp> for more information.
- Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission includes four of five communities in Manchester area
- Next steps for SSC ...

Discussion

- What happens if a party withdraws?
- Does the SSC Plan need an update?
- Suggest LIAA help; Brett Lenart will bring information to March meeting

4. Administrative Items

Jan Godek's husband, Walt, died suddenly today. Motion by Driskell, supported by Wall, to spend \$50 for flowers from SSC. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Next Meeting

The March 17, 2009, meeting will be held at the Pittsfield Township Administration Building. The agenda will include recommendations for LIAA assistance.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Develop a strategy for Private Wastewater Treatment Plants within the SSC region
- Transfer of Development Rights (Elizabeth Riggs)
- Saline River Green Belt

7. Meeting Notices and Announcements

- February 24: Chamber of Commerce members' breakfast.
- March 2: Saline Salutes nominations deadline. See Chamber of Commerce website <http://www.salinechamber.com/>.
- March 14: Merchants' Fair to showcase local businesses at the Farm Council Grounds.
- April 21: Lunch and Learn with David Cole.
- Washtenaw County is trying to encourage joint planning commissions as one form of inter-governmental cooperation.
- The Lodi Township Master Plan is out for review and comment. Comments have been received from several jurisdictions.
- The City of Saline and Saline Township continue to work on an urban development agreement.
- Dave Rhoads is working on plans for bike paths, possibly connecting Saline with Ann Arbor.
- York Township is updating its Master Plan.
- Washtenaw County has purchased land along the Saline River in York Township for a natural preserve area. Public announcement will be made by the County in the future.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Veenstra
Secretary

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