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Meeting Minutes - Draft SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Monday, August 17, 2009

4:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 12 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Judy Compton; Lucas K. Dailey; Sherrie Gruder; Michael J. Vickerman; Paul D. Muench; Catherine E. Mackin; David W. Drummond; Garrick R. Maine; Peter J. Taglia; Lou W. Host-Jablonski and Leslie C. Schroeder

Excused: 1 -

Julia D. Voss

Others present: Brian Joiner, Jeanne Hoffman, Brian Grady, Rick Roll and Brad Murphy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lucas Dailey moved to approve the minutes from the July 20th meeting and the motion was seconded by Cathy Mackin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

[15062](#)

Adopting the Northeast Neighborhoods Development Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan and authorizing the City's applications to amend the Central Urban Service Area as required to implement the development staging recommendations in the Northeast Neighborhoods Development Plan.

Satya Rhodes Conway moved approval of the Northeast Neighborhoods Development Plan and to forward that recommendation on to the Plan Commission along with the memo drafted by staff. Judy Compton seconded the motion.

Brian Joiner asked the committee how they wanted to proceed. Lucas Dailey suggested that we vote on each item. Brian Joiner indicated that we can do that but he was hoping that the committee could vote on the whole thing. Paul Muench would like the first bullet removed.

Judy Compton moved Satya Rhodes-Conway seconded to separate each item and vote approval of each. Motion to separate each item on the staff memo was approved unanimously.

Brian Joiner suggested numbering the items.

1) "Emphasize family-friendly housing..." Sherrie Gruder moved approval Satya Rhodes-Conway seconded the motion. Michael Vickerman mentioned that Vauban has very high parking fees that help decrease auto use.

Leslie Schroeder suggested deleting the first two sentences.

Satya Rhodes-Conway agreed stating that the first part of the bullet talks about types of housing and the second talks about traffic. Perhaps the committee should separate this into two bullet points, as family-friendly housing is a sustainability goal. She also thinks that slowing traffic and restricting auto traffic are two different things.

Judy Compton indicated that the committee needs to be clear about what we want. If the goal is to slow traffic we should state that we want the speed limit lowered. She also suggested we take our references to Vauban.

Marc Kornblatt indicated that to him less cars or slower vehicles is sustainable, but that maybe we say it in the positive form that we want this area to be a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community – like Middleton Hills.

David Drummond indicated that we do want to encourage a variety of housing styles and that we also want to have pedestrian and bicycle-friendly communities. You can be specific about how you get there or list them generally.

Satya Rhodes Conway moved for #1:

Emphasize that these neighborhoods will be: pedestrian and bicycle friendly, and will be made so through a variety of methods including: low residential speed limits, building bike paths early in neighborhood build out, traffic calming, pedestrian accommodations, etc.

Judy Compton seconded the motion.

Judy Compton commented that on the far-east side there are very skinny streets in our neighborhoods. They are so skinny that bicyclists have a hard time getting around. She also indicated that she would very much like to see bicycle path first. The streets also need to be wide enough to have bicycles accommodated.

Rick Roll indicated there are three types of facilities in the plan for bicycles: the off-street path, striped lane on street (arterials and collectors), and residential streets. Lou Host-Jablonski indicated there are different bike facilities for different types of streets.

Paul Muench indicated that he would support Satya's motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Michael Vickerman suggested adding language to the memo that there will be built into the design of the plan, corridors for public transportation."

Satya Rhodes-Conway indicated that it is not about having these corridors, but when the transit will be there and unfortunately that is not something planning staff or Metro or SDE can say will happen. Judy Compton indicated that she would not support this. Satya Rhodes-Conway moved.

“Metro service to the area must begin when the neighborhoods are ready to live in – further modes of transit should be added as soon as possible.” Marc Kornblatt seconded the motion. Paul Muench suggested that the plan commission reconsider the density of the plan and move it to where there will be a probable commuter rail stop will be. The above motion regarding Metro service was approved unanimously.

Satya Rhodes-Conway stated that there are several issues here. There is the housing type, the car-lite, and then the density question that was just raised. Paul Muench moved.

“Recommends that the planning department reconsider the commercial nodes/highest density residential development – and consider strongly relocating these areas to be at the potential commuter rail stops.”

Brad Murphy stated that both potential commuter rail stops are in areas where either the adopted plans are being reconsidered for increased density or have not yet been planned for. This area is large and can accommodate more than one dense area.

Satya Rhodes-Conway indicated that the most logical area for density is by the rail stops, but this is not in the planning area. Paul Muench worried that you can dilute commercial nodes and we don't want the commuter rail stop commercial area not be successful.

Lucas Dailey pointed out that the commercial areas in the planning area are very neighborhood focused, while the commuter rail stops can be much denser. Judy Compton asked, if development happens in the areas outside of the plan, will these lands need to come into the city and will they be amended into the Northeast Neighborhoods Plan or new plans?

Brad Murphy indicated there would be new planning areas and can either be amending into existing plans or new plans. Judy Compton noted that commercial at Grandview Commons didn't/hasn't worked. The neighborhood commercial has a hard time getting going because there are large commercial areas just up the road.

Paul Muench indicated that if there were no commuter rail stop then this plan would work just fine. But this commuter rail line needs to be recognized.

Leslie Schroeder asked how far are the neighborhood nodes from the residential areas and if they move to the commuter rail stop will everyone drive? Staff mentioned that the two neighborhood nodes are .5 miles away from the residential areas. David Drummond calls the question.

Sherrie Gruder seconded the motion regarding commuter rail stop above.

Lucas Dailey and Leslie Schroeder – vote no.
Marc Kornblatt and Satya Rhodes-Conway – abstain

Motion is approved.

2) From the memo regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy that the City cannot require, but can provide incentives. Judy Compton moved. Marc Kornblatt seconded the motion. ruder, Lou Host-Jablonski, Peter Taglia, and Michael Vickerman vote no
Motion is approved.

3) From the memo regarding calculating whether there is enough density for successful commercial. Judy Compton moved, Paul Muench seconded the motion.

Staff indicated that there would be 20,000 to 30,000 households and major corridors going through the area. What planning staff was worried about was strip-mall – highway oriented commercial. Judy Compton withdrew the motion.

4) & 5) from the memo regarding LEED for City buildings and Dark Sky policy. Satya Rhodes Conway moved, Cathy Mackin seconded. Judy Compton indicated she doesn't think this is needed. Voting no – Judy Compton, Dave Drummond, and Paul Muench
4 & 5 from the memo are approved.

6) From the memo regarding building homes that are solar ready. Lou Host-Jablonski moves. Sherrie Gruder seconded the motion. Judy Compton suggests an amendment (which is considered friendly to add the words "incentives" solar and solar ready.

Michael Vickerman points out that the best time to build solar is at the time of construction that is how it is the cheapest not after the fact. Solar ready homes do not increase solar installations.

Sherrie Gruder calls the question and Cathy Mackin seconded the motion to call the question.
The motion to call the question is approved with Satya Rhodes-Conway voting no.

The motion to include #6 from the memo is approved.

Judy Compton moves to place #7 of file and Marc Kornblatt seconded the motion.
Judy Compton indicated that 100 homes is way too few. Lou Host-Jablonski indicated that he is doing a survey in businesses right now. No one tracks water use. No one tracks energy use. 1000 homes are too many units built -t we need to measure sooner. Leslie Schroeder suggested Can we do # of units and time? Satya Rhodes-Conway asked what are we tracking? Rick Roll indicated all of the goals would be track.

Satya Rhodes-Conway – Is there a middle ground? In addition to every 1000 homes, are there additional things that we can do? Get some data every year from WU and electrical utility? Brian Joiner asked what are you going to do when the results come in?

Sherrie Gruder moved a substitute.

Require having the city to track water transportation, and energy use annually and use that information to address future build out with developers and the City Council.

Dave Drummond seconded the substitute. Motion was unanimously approved.

8) Is from memo regarding maximum and minimum housing densities. Lou Host-Jablonski approved, Lucas Dailey seconded the motion. There was a friendly amendment to change consider to require. The motion was approved unanimously.

9) Regarding urban agriculture Leslie Schroeder moved Lou Host-Jablonski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

10) Regarding district or large-scale renewable systems.
Satya Rhodes-Conway moves Peter Taglia seconded the motion.

Michael Vickerman suggested deleting the words “to invest” as the city doesn’t have the funding to do this and should be done by the utility partner. David Drummond suggested adding the words “explore”.

Judy Compton indicated that the City is good at making pictures and declaring but we don’t invest, so I like this language. Motion is approved with Lucas Dailey and Leslie Schroeder voting no.

11) Regarding storm water treatment.
Lou Host-Jablonski moved, Peter Taglia seconded. Motion was approved with David Drummond abstaining.

Judy Compton moves approval of the entire memo; Sherrie Gruder seconded the motion.
Marc Kornblatt moved. David seconded the motion.

“Encourage a wide range of housing types including co-housing, clustered housing and other multi-density and alternative ownership structures.” Lou Host-Jablonski moved. Satya Rhodes-Conway seconded the motion. Motion is unanimously approved.

“Include systemic methods to calming auto traffic via land use planning such as speiglestrassa, woornf, etc. where possible.” Motion is approved with Paul Muench voting no.

Motion to approve the staff memo was approved with Paul Muench voting no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

15097

Process for blueprint update - next steps

There will be two sub-committees now.

Public Groups

Operations – Infrastructure, Urban Planning, Transportation

Private Groups

Business, Non-profit, Resident

Outreach and Regional Collaboration will be a part of both groups.

The Vision Document will also guide this work.

Sherrie moved reconfigure the sub-groups as above, Marc Kornblatt seconded the motion.

Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Group

Lucas Dailey

Garrick Maine

Cathy Mackin

Paul Muench

Michael Vickerman

David Drummond

Peter Taglia

Sherrie Gruder

Private

Leslie Schroeder

Marc Kornblatt

Lou Host-Jablonski

Sherrie Gruder

Jeanne will contact Paul Muench, Garrick Maine, Lucas Dailey, and Richard Heinenman about combining the worksheets.

ADJOURNMENT

Sherrie Gruder motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Muench. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.