

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

1:30 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53187-1607
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Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Chairman
Daniel W. Stoffel, Vice-Chairman
Gilbert B. Bakke
José M. Delgado
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
Linda J. Seemeyer
Michael J. Skalitzky
David L. Stroik

Charles L. Colman
William R. Drew
David L. Eberle
David W. Opitz
John Rogers
Peggy L. Shumway

Staff:

Kenneth R. Yunker
Elizabeth A. Larsen
Debra A. D'Amico

Executive Director
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Schmidt called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Mr. Yunker noted for the record that Commissioners Colman, Drew, Eberle, Opitz, Rogers, and Shumway had asked to be excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 6, 2014

Chairman Schmidt asked if there were any changes or additions to the May 6, 2014, meeting minutes.

On a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of May 6, 2014, were approved as published.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sewer Service Area Plan for the Village of Menomonee Falls (copy attached to Official Minutes) Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Yunker to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the Village of Menomonee Falls. A copy of the preliminary draft of a SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated September 2014 concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Yunker indicated that by e-mail letter dated December 12, 2013, the Village of Menomonee Falls requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission amend the Village of Menomonee Falls sanitary sewer area. He further stated that the purpose of the amendment is to include within the planned sewer service area an 86 acre area adjacent to the planned sanitary sewer service area.

He directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1 which identifies the proposed 86 acre area, which includes portions of eight tax key parcels. Mr. Yunker then directed the Committee to Map 2, an aerial photograph showing the specific property in detail. He noted that Village comprehensive plans recommend the subject area accommodate governmental and institutional uses, and low density residential uses. It is estimated that upon full development, the subject site would accommodate about 143 housing units with an estimated population of 330 persons. He said that the subject area contains about 9 acres of environmentally significant lands, with just over 0.5 acres of primary environmental corridor and about 8.5 acres of wetlands.

Mr. Yunker stated that the proposed addition to the Village of Menomonee Falls sanitary sewer service area represents an increase in the planned sewer service area of less than 1 percent and an increase in the resident population of the sewer service area of about 1 percent. He stated that Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD) staff have indicated that there is adequate wastewater treatment plant capacity to serve the subject area. He further stated that this sanitary sewer area addition is consistent with the regional land use plan, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.

He then stated that the Menomonee Falls Village Board had approved the sanitary sewer service area amendment at their August 4th public hearing where there were no objections to the proposed amendment.

Mr. Stroik noted the multiple sanitary sewer service areas within the Village of Menomonee Falls. Mr. Yunker explained that the subcontinental divide is located within the Village, and one portion of the Village drains to Lake Michigan, and the other to the Fox River.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Delgado, Mr. Yunker stated that the City of Racine is one community that did separate their combined storm and sanitary sewer system.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stoffel, Mr. Yunker noted that the sanitary sewer backup and flooding problems in July 2010 on the north side of the City of Milwaukee, City of Glendale, and Village of Whitefish Bay were a result of an extreme rainfall event which overwhelmed municipal sanitary and storm sewer systems.

There being no further questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum for the Village of Menomonee Falls sanitary sewer service area amendment dated September 2014, was approved and recommended for Commission adoption.

Sewer Service Area Plan for the Greater Kenosha Area (copy attached to Official Minutes) Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Yunker to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the Greater Kenosha Area. A copy of the preliminary draft of a SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated September 2014 concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Yunker indicated that by letter dated April 7, 2014, the Kenosha Water Utility requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission amend the Greater Kenosha sanitary sewer area tributary to the City of Kenosha wastewater treatment plant. He further stated that the basic purpose of the amendment is to include within the planned sewer service area certain lands located immediately adjacent to, but outside, the currently adopted sewer service area.

He then directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1 which identifies the proposed 317 acre area and includes about one acre of land located within existing street right-of-way, three acres of wetlands, and 313 acres of other open land. The subject area does not encompass any lands that have been identified as environmental corridor or isolated natural resource area. He said that upon full development, the subject site is proposed to be developed for warehouse/distribution use. Mr. Yunker directed the Committee to Maps 2 and 3 which are aerial photos showing the specific property in detail.

Mr. Yunker stated that the proposed 317 acre addition to the Greater Kenosha sanitary sewer service area represents an increase in the planned sewer service area of less than 1 percent, and that there is adequate wastewater treatment plant capacity to serve the subject area. He further stated that this sanitary sewer area addition is consistent with the regional land use plan, the regional water quality management plan, and Chapter NR 121 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*.

In conclusion, Mr. Yunker stated that the Kenosha Water Utility has scheduled a public hearing for August 18th to obtain public approval of this sanitary sewer service area extension. Results of this hearing will be incorporated into the Staff Memorandum for adoption by the full Commission at the September 10th Quarterly Commission meeting.

There being no questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Delgado, seconded by Mr. Skalitzky, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum for the Greater Kenosha sanitary sewer service area amendment dated September 2014, was approved and recommended for Commission adoption.

CONSIDERATION OF SEWRPC PLANNING REPORT NO. 55, *VISION 2050: A REGIONAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN FOR SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN*

Chairman Schmidt noted that the next item of business was consideration of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 55, *VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, and asked Mr. Yunker to review with the Committee four chapters of Volume I, and Chapter I along with Appendix A of Volume II of this Planning Report.

Mr. Yunker proceeded to review the Planning Report chapters with the Committee (copies attached to Official Minutes). During the review, the following questions and comments were made and addressed.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Delgado during the review of Chapter I, Mr. Yunker stated that this is the first time the Commission is utilizing the visioning approach.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Russell during the review of Chapter II, Mr. Yunker stated that he will check into why Walworth County is not included in Figure II-10.

[Secretary's Note: Figure II-10 was obtained from publications of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.]

Ms. Russell then inquired about Map II-24 noting that the Town of East Troy was part of the multi-jurisdictional county-local comprehensive plan.

[Secretary's Note: The Town of East Troy did participate in the multi-jurisdictional county-local comprehensive plan. Following the completion of the plan, they prepared a plan for the Town utilizing the county-local plan.]

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Seemeyer, Mr. Yunker stated that VISION 2050 will include a comparison of Southeastern Wisconsin to other peer metropolitan areas.

During the review of Chapter III, Mr. Skalitzky questioned the need to provide bicycle accommodations, such as bicycle lanes, on low volume roads. Mr. Yunker responded that the regional transportation plan recommends that bicycle accommodations need only be provided on arterial streets, which account for about one-third of the total street and highway system.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Pitts, Mr. Yunker indicated that Commission staff has requested that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation make a presentation at the September or December Quarterly Commission Meeting to address transportation funding and provide an update on major projects in the Region.

Upon the conclusion of the review of Chapter III, Ms. Russell noted the following corrections for Walworth County: freeway on-ramp closure devices have now been installed in Walworth County (page III-44), and Maps III-10 and III-19 should show in Walworth County the off-street bicycle paths (and their on-street connections) in the recently adopted Walworth County Park and Open Space Plan. Mr. Yunker responded that these changes will be made in the final report. Ms. Russell also asked why the new White River Park in Walworth County is not shown on Map III-4.

[Secretary's Note: Map III-4 shows the status of major regional parks. White River Park is classified as a major county park.]

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Skalitzky regarding Chapter VI, Mr. Yunker stated that the year 2050 population and employment forecasts anticipate that the lack of continued future growth in the Region's labor force may be expected to be an obstacle to the future growth in jobs in the Region.

Mr. Stoffel noted the support expressed for public transit options in VISION 2050 visual and telephone preference surveys. He then noted that fixed route transit does not currently, and likely would not in the future, serve a significant portion of the Region, and that this would be an obstacle to improving and expanding public transit. Mr. Stroik noted that funding issues of existing public transit is also an obstacle. Ms. Russell noted the need for public transportation with an aging population and that aging population remaining in their homes.

There being no further questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Delgado, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Planning Report No. 55, *VISION 2050: A Regional Land Use and Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, Volume I, Chapters I, II, III, IV, and Volume II, Chapter I with Appendix A were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Yunker if there was any correspondence or announcements.

Mr. Yunker reported that there was no correspondence and had one announcement. He stated that there will likely be a need for a brief Planning and Research Committee meeting just prior to the September Quarterly Commission meeting for the purpose of considering a sanitary sewer service area amendment for the City of Burlington.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Ms. Seemeyer, seconded by Mr. Pitts, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth R. Yunker
Deputy Secretary