

**PACE Vision Workgroup
Monday, August 29, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
Planning & Development Agency - Conference Room
Rock County Courthouse**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Sweeney, John Lader, Neil Deupree, Ron Combs, Steve Schraufnager, Carrie Houston, Wade Thompson, Tom Sweeney, Paul Benjamin.

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** John Lader motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ron Combs. **Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes; July 12, 2010:** John Lader motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Neil Deupree. **Motion Carried.**
- 4) **City of Janesville Resolution to Rock County PACE Ad Hoc Committee.** Wade Thompson reviewed the resolution passed by the Janesville City Council requesting that all lands in the Urban Reserve Area of Janesville be determined as in eligible for the PACE program, excluding Specific Priority Areas of #7 and #8, Give the City of Janesville comment authority for any potential easement within its extra-territorial jurisdiction area. Wade reviewed three options as a response to the city's requests/demands. 1) Give the city's villages a buffer around existing boundaries. Any parcel with the buffer would be ineligible. 2) Give the city's villages a lesser buffer and any parcel within would be ineligible. 3) Identify are of eligible parcels northeast of current City of Janesville boundary. Any parcel within this area would be ineligible for the PACE Program. Most agreed that option #1 is the most appropriate for negotiations with the City. Staff should finalize the recommendations/options and present at the next Vision Workgroup meeting.

Tom Sweeney noted that he has amended the AD HOC Committee agenda to include this issue as a discussion item.

- 5) **PACE Program Manual.** Wade Thompson noted that the first draft of the program manual is ready for distribution to the AD HOC Committee. Ron Combs noted the PACE Council and how it would be set up. In the draft, staff members comprise numerous positions. This group should be made up primarily of non-staff. Wade accepted an amendment from the nine-member to a seven-member council and using staff as a technical resource.
- 6) **PACE Program Ordinance.** Carrie Houston distributed a copy of the draft ordinance that will be used as our template for the final version. Carrie discussed the merits of the ordinance.
- 7) **Other Business.** Wade Thompson noted he is working on property appraisal issues with the state and federal program managers.

- 8) **Next meeting date, time, and location:** Chair Sweeney discussed the tentative dates for the next Vision Group Meeting. The meeting was tentatively set for Monday September 20, 2010 at 4:00 pm. and the next Ad Hoc meeting was tentatively set for Wednesday September 22, 2010 at 8:30 am.
- 9) **Adjournment:** Tom Sweeney motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 pm, seconded by Neil Deupree. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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