

MINUTES
BAY-LAKE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK PROGRAM COMMITTEE
June 9, 2006
Quality Inn & Suites
Green Bay, Wisconsin

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaime Forest, Edwin Kelley, Don Markwardt, Flossie Meyer, Mary Meyer, Rob Strong (for Paul Jadin) and Chuck Wagner

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Thomas Kussow and Lois Trever

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Tony Bellovary and Richard Heath

- I. Committee Vice-Chairperson Mary Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- II. **Moved** by Don Markwardt and seconded by Flossie Meyer that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried, with all voting aye on a voice vote.
- III. **Moved** by Don Markwardt and seconded by Jaime Forest that the minutes of the April 7, 2006 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried, with all voting aye on a voice vote.
- IV. Vice-Chairperson Mary Meyer asked if there was any public input; none was received.
- V. Vice-Chairperson Mary Meyer asked if there were any guest presentations. No one asked to present.
- VI. A. Tony Bellovary, GIS Coordinator, provided a broad overview of geographic information systems (GIS) used globally and locally. He began his presentation with a GIS video of the world and how data is compiled, analyzed, and used for a variety of purposes. The video provided some 3-D mapping examples and explained the significance of having the capabilities of providing such detailed information for all types of planning activities. T. Bellovary briefly explained the responsibilities the GIS Department had for the projects currently being completed by the Commission, especially the steps taken for the comprehensive plans. There are several steps taken to prepare a map for any planning project. There are a number of data sets that can be accessed from federal, state, and local sources to build a very comprehensive map. The GIS staff have recently been bringing laptop computers to meetings and showing the GIS projects. This technique allows for projects to be updated live and allow for group interaction which makes the planning process more interesting and fun.

Jamie Forest asked about privacy issues with the increasing GIS capabilities. Mr. Bellovary explained that this is a big issue being discussed statewide. The line between public information and privacy rights is constantly being moved. Another problem is the inconsistency of data available for county to county, community to community. There is also no set fee the communities or counties are charging for the information. It can range from a few dollars to several hundred dollars depending on location and extent of the data

requested. More needs to be addressed in regards to the Wisconsin Open Records law when it relates to geospatial data.

B. Richard Heath provided the committee members with a handout that gives an overview of current and potential planning projects. As it stands now, most of the 12 comprehensive plans being worked on at this time will be completed by the end of 2006. Pending county board approval on June 22nd, the Commission will begin working on Oconto County's multi-jurisdictional application that includes Oconto Falls, Lena, Gillett, and Suring along with 14 towns. This 3+ year project will be completed in late 2009. Along with several inquiries from communities, five other counties in the region have asked the Commission to do some preliminary work on their comprehensive plans as well including Florence, Marinette, Door, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties. The deadline to have comprehensive plans completed is December 31, 2009.

The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission is currently working on All Hazard Mitigation Plans for five counties in the region: Florence, Marinette, Brown, Manitowoc and Sheboygan Counties. The focus of the All Hazard Mitigation Plans is on determining the risk and mitigation process for natural hazards. Counties may choose to address man-made hazards, but it is not required. The BLRPC received \$264,000 in funding from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) that was provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to draft the plans. Each county was required to provide a 25 percent match that could be cash and/or in-kind contributions. All of the counties chose to match the grant with in-kind contributions.

Other possible planning projects under consideration include Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans for the City of De Pere, Marinette County, and Kewaunee County. Since many of the communities have completed their comprehensive plans, they are seeking assistance to update the zoning ordinances to guide the implementation of those plans. In addition, there are communities in the region planning to create and/or expand a tax incremental financing district (TID). Commission staff have developed many project plans for TIDs for several communities in the past.

VII. Vice-Chairperson Mary Meyer asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Commission's monthly work activity report for May 2006. There were no questions on the report.

VIII. After some discussion, each of the current Work Program Committee members expressed their desire to continue serving on the committee for the 2006-2007 year.

IX. **Moved** by Chuck Wagner and seconded by Don Markwardt that the Work Program Committee adjourn. Motion carried, with all voting aye on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Heath
Recording Secretary