

Stevens Point Eco-Municipality Task Force

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 22, 2008
5:00 p.m.

EarthTech Offices
200 Indiana Avenue
Stevens Point, WI

MINUTES

Present: Eric Olson, Anna Haines, David Senfelds; Carl Rasmussen; Cathy Dugan; John Gardner

1. Introductions. No guests present.

2. Review/Approve minutes of December 18, 2007. Minutes adopted by consensus.

3. Develop Meeting Agenda: No items deleted.

4. Develop Goals and Objectives: Olson distributed copies of the Stevens Point Land Use Goals from the adopted Comprehensive Plan. Based upon discussion the following goals were recommended:

Goal A. Provide a balance of land uses to serve existing and future residents of the City as well as non-residents that allows for a sustainable economy and environment and maintains the high quality of life that Stevens Point residents currently enjoy.

Goal B. All new development shall be in a compact and contiguous development pattern

Goal C. Land uses in the city are sufficiently diverse and spatially configured to minimize distances between homes, work places, and activities.

Goal D The city shall be a leader in applying innovative development techniques and patterns.

Goal E Downtown shall be the residential, economic, cultural, entertainment, and recreational heart of the City of Stevens Point

Discussion ensued on how to provide for affordable development so as to not gentrification of the area to the exclusion of existing residents.

Discussion ensued on how to address strip commercial redevelopment. Whether strip center redevelopment is a goal or an objective and whether that should be under another goal. It was discussed that strip center redevelopment should address issues including environmental degradation and renewal and residential elements

Goal F. Institutional uses including UWSP, Mid-state Tech, St. Mike's Hospital and others shall remain strong and grow in the central city in a pattern that is sustainable, diverse, and accessible.

Goal G. Identify and sustain outstanding natural features both for the contribution that it makes to the quality of human life and for its own inherent value

Goal H. The transportation component of the community land use mix highlights best practices for meeting multiple needs in small areas.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:45 P.M.

Next meeting set for Feb 26, 5 P.M. EarthTech Offices.