

**FREMONT AREA JOINT PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**Monday, August 27, 2007**

**5:00-7:00 PM**

**Sheridan Charter Township Hall**

**Members Present:** Dayton Township: Shirley Hooker  
Dayton Township: Barbara Popp  
Dayton Township: Kent Folkema  
Dayton Township: Chuck Whitman  
Sheridan Township: Don Potter  
Sheridan Township: Jack Taylor (Chair)  
Sheridan Township: Jeff Wharton  
City of Fremont: Jim Breinling  
City of Fremont: Peg May  
City of Fremont: Don Henry  
City of Fremont: Lon Vredeveld

**Members Absent:** Sheridan Township: Tom Karnemaat

**Others Present:** Dayton/Sheridan Townships: Peter Lance  
City of Fremont: Michele Ribant  
Recording Secretary: Kathy Vaida

**Presenter:** Land Info. Access Assoc.: Heather Seyfarth  
Harry Burkholder

**Call to Order & Welcome**

Meeting of the Commission was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Chair Jack Taylor.

**Review and Review of Agenda**

It was noted by Shirley Hooker that the Treasurer's Report was not listed. Michele Ribant thought these were to be on the Agenda quarterly rather than monthly. A motion was made by Don Potter, seconded by Barbara Popp and carried to approve that the Treasurer's Reports be presented quarterly.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

It was noted that Chuck Whitman represents Dayton Township and that Jeff Wharton represents Sheridan Township. A motion was made by Chuck Whitman, seconded by Shirley Hooker and carried to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007 meeting with the corrections of the jurisdictions represented.

## **Review and Approval of Public Meeting Notes**

Jeff Wharton was present at that meeting. On list of attendees, Lori Ashcroft was changed to Lon Ashcroft and Kyle Folkema was added to the attendee list. A motion was made by Shirley Hooker, seconded by Chuck Whitman and carried to approve the Public Meeting Notes of July 23, 2007 with the recommended changes.

## **Updates**

### Youth Involvement

Michigan State University has a pilot program to work with middle school age youth on a planning effort. Looks like this will move forward with Safe Routes to School.

### Land Use Management

Will be using the more standard methodology that involves interpretation of ortho photos.

### GIS Meeting

GIS Meeting is planned for September 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Dayton Township Hall.

## **Comments on Public Meeting**

Shirley Hooker was pleased with the Dayton turn out.

Pleased with positive attitude.

Good size of numbers attending and diversity. In the future we should ask about how did they hear about the meeting. What method worked best.

## **Concerns for the next meeting**

The last means of getting the word out on the meeting was costly with print materials. Sometimes word-of-mouth is the best way. Bulk mailing considered but it is expensive.

## **Public Meeting Planning**

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22. Being later in the fall the farmers might be able to attend.

Commission should look at the 2001 Goals that were established before the public meeting, then consider if the 2001 area wide plans should change in priority. Please turn into Heather by September 10.

Should contact those that attended July meeting for invitation for October.

The last means of getting the word out about the meeting was costly with print materials.

Sometimes word of mouth is the best way. Bulk mailing looked at, but again it is also expensive.

The next public meeting would include presenting the preliminary goals and objectives.

## **Survey**

A survey is being prepared and will be mailed out and have returned by 9/14 so it will be ready for next Commission meeting. The survey is in a booklet form with a stamped self-addressed return envelope. This type of survey worked well in Bear Lake. This will be a sample size survey of 2,000 mailings.

Looking for estimates on printing and postage from 2 printing companies. First estimate in at \$2,400.

## **Review of Survey for Mailing and 2001 Goals**

Commission broke out into groups to discuss each section of the survey. The following recommendations were made:

### Residential

#3 and #4 need to be re-written so citizens understand the wording. Maybe a diagram also.

### Commercial

#9 What do you mean by professional offices (legal, health care, financial.)

#8 Break it down to the format of #10.

In general: Have a comment area on all sections.

Animal waste (horses) in parking lots and roads.

#10 Should include Main Street within Fremont city limits only.

### Industrial

#3 and #4 Average citizen doesn't understand how industries affect the services we use. (utilities, water) A large plant moving into Fremont could drain our resources.

#5 Change to Locate in Industrial Parks Only – yes or no.

### Other

Change "Other" Section to another "Tourism and Recreation."

#2 & #3 Missing the vertical lettering.

Include Education as far as where they would like facilities located.

Include the 2001 Goals but not listed as goals. Just number them.

### Agricultural Land Use

Combine #2a and 2b

#3 G should be split into commercial and industrial (two different things.)

Include a check-off box for Sheridan Township, Dayton Township and Fremont.

The revised survey will be e-mailed to members for approval so they can go to print and be mailed.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business to report.

**New Business**

Reminder GIS Meeting is planned for September 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Dayton Township Hall.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there was no public comment.

**Next Meeting Date**

September 24, 2007 at Dayton Township Hall, 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Don Potter, seconded by Peg May and carried to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.