

**Meeting Minutes:
Door County “Smart Growth” Plan
Historical and Cultural Resources Work Group – 4th Meeting
May 12th, 2008**

1. Open meeting/introductions.

The fourth meeting of the Historical and Cultural Resources Work Group was held in the Door County Planning Department Conference Room, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on Monday, May 12, 2008. The meeting started at 9:10 a.m.

Present:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Jacobson	Sally	Ephraim Foundation
Jinkins	Ann	Door County Museum

Also present:

Mariah Goode, Door County Planning

2. Review previous meeting minutes.

The minutes were accepted with no revisions.

3. Review and discuss goals from completed municipal plans for comparison with and potential inclusion in the county plan:

- **Compare with draft of work group goals.**
- **Identify goals to add to county plan.**
- **Identify other topics/goals for county plan not addressed by municipalities or work groups.**

Meeting attendees agreed that the Core Planning Committee’s comments with regard to the historical and cultural resources work group’s goals – listed below – should be incorporated:

- The wording of the action item regarding “removing major obstacles” for cultural facility expansion/activities was of concern to CPC members. It should be modified so as to clarify that:
 - Historical/cultural resource facilities shouldn’t necessarily be given special treatment – i.e., if they need a variance or a conditional use permit, they need to go through the same/regular processes as anyone else.
 - Such uses are not appropriate simply anywhere, such as in the middle of an agricultural district.
 - We need to come up with better zoning categories/definitions for places such as Birch Creek, Peninsula Art School, Bjorklunden, etc.
- While liking the concept of the “Door County University” idea, CPC members felt there might be a better word than “university” to describe it.
 - The CPC suggested that perhaps development of this concept could/should come through Peninsula Arts and Humanities Alliance (PAHA).

Next, the work group reviewed the 1995 (current) Door County Development Plan goals and the 14 state comprehensive planning goals. Discussion of those documents as well of the goals from completed towns’ plans and other issues ensued as follows:

- The Ephraim Foundation was established in 1949 – the first formal historical association founded in the county – its long-standing existence probably helped frame the supportive attitude regarding historic preservation in the village.
- Holand – author of historical writings on the county – lived in Ephraim. His family was one of the ones “kicked out” of Peninsula State Park when it was established in 1909.
- Around 1920, more people started traveling within and to the county via land rather than water.
- Cooking schools – Savory Spoon, Washington Hotel, Inn at Kristofer’s – and wineries should be in the cultural section of the resource report (wineries are in agricultural section, but belong in this chapter, too). Plan goals should include cooking schools and wineries (as appropriate) when discussing educational opportunities, too.
- Regarding the “University” idea:
 - Opportunities for residents and visitors to learn about/participate in:
 - Historical
 - Cultural
 - Natural
 - Food (wineries and cooking classes, not restaurants)
 - Performances (music, theater, etc.)
 - To start, maybe, it could be a web-based calendar of all educational options for week “X,” with links/ways to register for those classes, buy tickets for those events, etc.
 - County-wide position, coordination would be required
 - Coordinate/do website (and/or other activities) through DCVB?
 - Local non-profits would save time and money and get broader exposure at the same time

Finally, the group discussed the process that will be followed for adoption and implementation of the county comprehensive plan.

4. Set next meeting date, if necessary.

The designated tasks for the work group being complete – developing a draft vision statement and agreeing upon goals related to historical and cultural resources – it was deemed unnecessary to hold further meetings.

5. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes transcribed by Mariah Goode, Door County Planning