

**Meeting Minutes:
Door County “Smart Growth” Plan
Housing and Economic Development Work Group – 4th Meeting
May 8th, 2008**

1. Open meeting/introductions.

The fourth meeting of the Housing and Economic Development Work Group was held in the Sturgeon Bay Library, Basement Meeting Room, 107 S. 4th Avenue, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The meeting started at 10:10 a.m.

Present:

Last Name	First Name	Agency
Dehn	Deby	WHEDA
Ozburn	Paul	Property Owner
Perlman	Sam	Door County Economic Development Corporation
Rogers	Rick	Sustain Door

Also present:

Mariah Goode, Door County Planning
Becky Kerwin, 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:

- a. Compare with draft of work group goals.
- b. Identify goals to add to county plan.
- c. 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 housing and economic development work group’s goals – listed below – should be incorporated:

- Getting input from younger people as to housing and economic development activities is advisable. Perhaps one of the open house meetings for this plan could be held at a school/for students. Also, contact agencies involved with youth to request they review the plan.
- Re: action items regarding allowing “smaller minimum lot sizes,” clarification should be added along the lines of “in areas where appropriate, such as in or adjacent to existing residential areas; downtowns, hamlets, or other commercial areas; or areas served by public sewer.”

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:

- Buildings to rehabilitate/redevelop: K-Mart!
- Habitat and other affordable housing designs should fit our landscape – Canada does a very good job at this
- Multiple occupancy design standards should be looked at
- Education ideas

- Go to officials with presentation re: housing and economic development with a local resident from that municipality that has a story re: using housing/economic development programs, etc.
 - Ask for 30 minutes on each municipal agenda each year to discuss these issues.
- Planning department quarterly meetings for town officials – provide housing/economic development program/information (similar to Gibraltar meeting earlier this year)
- We need planning, discussion after these meetings
 - We keep holding educational meetings but then not facilitating any goal-setting, planning for cooperative municipal action to address these issues
- State-level changes needed? Put on Legislative Days’ agenda now.
- Look into results of Massachusetts Community Preservation Act – allowed municipalities multiple funding options to pursue provision of housing
- Could room tax funds go toward provision of affordable housing?
 - What type of strategic planning, if any, are municipalities doing with regard to spending these funds? Their 30% of the funds can go toward anything.
 - After the initial organizational and marketing efforts, what does the DCVB plan on doing? Their funds have to be spent on things promoting tourism. Per an attorney who helped draft the legislation, efforts to provide affordable housing or to conserve land would qualify as “promoting or supporting tourism”; donations could be made to the Green Fund and to a county-level housing entity.
- We need a county-level entity to address/manage housing issues
 - One option we should look into is a county-level housing trust (sometimes called land trusts in other areas)
- We should pursue educational/cooperative efforts with schools (like the 2000-2001 project with the Gibraltar girls that explored housing issues in the county)
- We need to explore multiple tools to keep housing affordable

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 housing and economic development – it was deemed unnecessary to hold further meetings.

5. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Minutes transcribed by Mariah Goode and Becky Kerwin, Door County Planning