



**ACME TOWNSHIP**  
**NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, November 07, 2005, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Acme Township Hall**  
**6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

**Meeting called to Order at 9:05 a.m.**

**Members present:** M. Krakow , L. Craig (Co-Chairs) D. Rohn, N. Veliquette  
Ex-officio representatives S. Corpe, A. Andres, Sr., J. Goss, L. Bussa,  
P. Brink  
**Members absent:** D. Krause  
**Staff present:** N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Pat Salathiel, 4888 Five Mile Road, commented that the NU Advisory committee is the most exciting group to come along. Mrs. Salathiel is very excited about the possibilities.

Krakow read through the ex-officio appointments to the committee. Scott Nowakowski, Meijer property representative, has not yet been able to attend any Committee meetings but has expressed an interest in participating. Corpe suggested e-mailing minutes now, and also the possibility of conference calling. She will be in contact with him. Corpe composed a invitation to the ex-officio representatives inviting them to participate in identifying and recommending to the Board an urban planner/firm.

Craig confirmed that Letter of Thanks had gone out to all applicants for this Committee.

Krakow review the amended timeline from the November 4, 2005, meeting. The Committee felt that the December 5 deadline was not enough time. A new date of December 16, was set. . The amended timeline will be presented at the November 11 meeting.

Krakow asked Corpe if the membership to CNU had been submitted. Corpe said she completed the application on Friday. Corpe said that RFQ had not been posted and she will be calling about today. She also will change the date from November 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Veliquette asked if we had a list of potential applicants. Craig said she would be interested in maintaining one. She encouraged committee members to pass any information they may have along to her by Wednesday so she can compile a list for Friday's meeting.

Craig opened a discussion with the committee how to involve the five parcel owners. With 2 committee meetings a week we would have 2-3 hour blocks during the week that we could meet. Craig asked if we should meet individually or as a group.

Jim Goss, 4105 Bay Valley Dr, felt that the first thing we must ask if we can meet in public. Mr. Goss's past experience with this resulted in trouble even with the Town Center sub Committee of the Planning Commission.

Veliquette asked what qualified for going into close session. Corpe said this is permissible to discuss litigation when public discussion would endanger the township's financial interests or to discuss personnel issues.

Lee Bussa, 4675 Brackett Road, the Johnson property representative, felt that a planner should be in place before meeting with landowners. Mr. Johnson is willing to work with this committee and is open to exploring New Urbanism.

Corpe felt it is essential that the landowners have a good working relationship with the selected planner. They need to feel comfortable with them and that ultimate joint plan will ensure that each receives an equitable return on their investment.

Krakov referred back to a comment from Paul Brink at the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting about finances. Mr. Brink mentioned several foundations in Michigan that might be interested in grant money to the committee. Krakow felt this was a positive step and encouraged the committee members to look into the available funding. Paul Brink, asked what the expenses might be for this committee. Corpe said John Iacoangeli, of the Becker and Raeder firm, felt between \$7,000-\$10,000 to come up with a conceptual plan for a process including several charrettes.

Krakov addressed the issue of the packaging of our packet to the applicants. Corpe will be putting together some aerial photos, boundary survey and other such items. Krakow encouraged landowners to participate in this process. Mr. Goss told Chris DeGood, of the Gourdie Fraser firm, to make available any information on the Grand Traverse Village (VGT) that we might need. Corpe said that there was not a site plan for Andres. He has been marketing the rezoning of his property for the last eight years.

Andy Andres, Sr., 4946 E M72, commented on the setbacks that have been set on our lands. Between Goss and Andres they have fifty feet in setbacks. Why do we have these 100 foot setbacks? This is stupid. Mr. Andres believes these should be taken into consideration by the planner. Krakow said this information would be passed on to a planner.

Veliquette asked where is the M72 overlay district? He said any planner would want to know about that. He said M72 is such a major component.

Krakov included some information from the 2000 census regarding population and additional information. Veliquette would like to see additional information for Acme Township.

Paul Brink suggested that at some point this committee might want to visit communities that have adopted New Urbanism. In Mr. Brink's mind this helps him to see what is possible.

Mrs. Salathiel, asked if the Tribe had been involved? Krakow said that was a good question but the focus of the committee was on landowners. Krakow felt any

planner would want to contact the Tribe. Mrs. Salathiel also mentioned the possibility of funding from the Rotary Charities locally.

**ADJOURNED AT 10:20 a.m.**