



ACME TOWNSHIP
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, November 14, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 9:12 a.m.

Members present: M. Krakow , L. Craig (Co-Chairs) D. Krause, D. Rohn, N. Veliquette Ex-officio representatives S. Corpe, A. Andres, Sr., J. Goss, J. Collins, L. Grant
Members absent: L. Bussa, P. Brink, S. Smith, S. Nowakowski, J. Lively, J. Iacoangeli, A. Andres, Jr., R. Reinhold, T. Gokey
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Krakow left a message for Gokey over the weekend to check on his status and interest. He had not received a response by the time of this meeting.

There was about discussion Appendix A from the CNU Comprehensive Report & Best Practices Guide. It lists the NU projects underway, completed status, design firm, acreage and characteristics.

Krause looked through this report over the weekend, starting his evaluation with projects of similar size and scope to ours. He choose about fifteen similar projects and half or better were done by Duany Plate, Zyberk (DPZ). Other names that continually appeared were Calthorpe and the Gibbs Design group. Krause emailed both firms. Rohn previously emailed an RFP invitation to Looney Ricks Kiss which was suggested by Iacoangeli, this firm is based in Memphis, also DPZ, Torti Gallas, were contacted.

Krause commented that when an entity decides to do a project they often focus on one firm and try to go after them. We currently received the strongest interest from and have the strongest interest in DPZ. Krause would be comfortable focusing on having them in to give a presentation

Krakow asked Grant if someone at Wade-Trim checks the CNU website to look for RFP's on a regularly scheduled basis. Grant replied that there was no such person.

After discussion it was decided that the following people would contact the following firms:

Krause: Gibbs, Calthorpe, McDonough (Contact the CBB), Bossey, Urban Design Associates, RTKL, Moule & Polyzoides, Field Paoli, Nederveld

Veliquette: Johnson Hill, Ferrell Madden, Designer of Prairie Crossing

Krakow: DPZ, EDAW, Cityscape Urban Design

Rohn: Looney Ricks Kiss, Costal Pacific, Torti Gallas, Beckett & Raeder

Grant asked if a budget has been established for this project; for instance he believes McDonough commands a minimum of \$100,000.00. Krakow replied that the Committee has a budget of \$5000.00 to indentify a candidate, and the replies will include bids. Those bids will be one of the evaluation factors. Grant believes that having a clear understanding of what our budget is and being able to communicate it is critical. We are asking for a letter of interest but firms don't keep a "one size fits

all” marketing piece on the shelf. His firm does a moderate level of homework and tailors even a basic response to the potential client. Grant said just to do a basic and detailed response could cost his firm \$25,000, and if it turns out they already have that much in and the budget is only \$10,000 this is a problem. Planning firms have to be very choosy even in responding to general inquiries; many that come out of the blue end up in the wastebasket.

Krakov agreed that this is one reason why personal follow-up by the committee is so critical. We need education on what an appropriate budget will be, and we’re looking for creative ways to pay for it as well. Goss echoed Grant’s statements, saying his team has been through this process and the figures mentioned are realistic.

Rohn commented on grant funding. She has left a message for J. Lively and as of today had not heard back from him. Brink has made contact with the Mott Foundation in Flint but again no response back.

Pat Salathiel, 4888 Five Mile Rd, commented again about Rotary Charities. They are interest in the “grass roots” movements. Mrs. Salathiel said Marsha Smith would be the contact person.

Andy Andres, Sr., still has the same belief that this committee should not be looking for money to do this project. He commented that it was a “swim to shore with a safety belt.” It is like having something tied to your legs. He believe that this committee should sit down with the three main developers and get their input. He believes this committee is “spinning their wheels” and that the funding necessary will not be available.

Krakov commented that there is a lot of compromising to do and that he appreciated the comments. Krause thanked Andres. He commented that these people we are contacting have all built projects that have been financially successful using new urbanism.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:35 a.m.