



ACME TOWNSHIP
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, December 16, 2005, 1:00 p.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 1:07 p.m.

Members present: M. Krakow , L. Craig (Co-Chairs) D. Krause, D. Rohn, N. Veliquette
Ex-officio representatives A. Andres Sr., A. Andres Jr., L. Bussa,
J. Goss, L. Grant, S. Corpe

Members absent: J. Collins, T. Gokey, J. Iacoangeli, J. Lively, S. Nowakowski, R. Reinhold
S. Smith, N. Veliquette

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Responses received today from Gibbs Planning Group/Moule Polizoides with introductory materials. Wade-Trim provided a cover letter and copies of their formal proposal materials today.

The deadline for proposals was previously today, but at Monday's meeting was changed to December 30. Krause communicated this directly to UDA & RTKL. The group seems content with the new deadline. Krause and Rohn are feeling like some good contacts have been made and more proposals are forthcoming. Grant asked if the deadline will be extended again if the anticipated additional responses aren't received? Krakow feels that changing it again will weaken the position and credibility of the advisory. Grant concurred, also feeling from the perspective of an applicant who submitted today that there is a fairness issue.

Rohn asked if the landowners are feeling comfortable with the process. Bussa has an impression that Meijer and VGT are here because they were coerced to do so. Dr. Johnson is not averse to the process, participating or the current timeline, but has doubts as to what the township can accomplish to his benefit. Bussa himself feels the advisory has been diligent and effective and believes something good can come of it. He is pleased and will convey that to Dr. Johnson.

Goss stated that he has instructions to cooperate fully. He noted that Meijer has received a recommendation of approval, and their property neighbors his.

Andres Jr. is comfortable with the advisory's timeline. He wants to stick to the December 30 deadline, but if more responses aren't in by then things can be re-evaluated then. He sees the Meijer's application as a political issue that if forcing a rush for this advisory that is counterproductive. He would appreciate Board feedback in this regard. Krakow and Rohn both feel strongly that the process is independent of that situation. Andres Jr. feels that everyone has worked hard and well.

The group is still moving towards making a selection by January 24 and presenting it to the Board at its February 7 meeting.

The group turned to discussion of the new materials received today from Gibbs Planning Group/Moule Polizoides. Krause stated that Gibbs is known as being primarily a commercial designer, and believes is partnering with Moule to bring in residential and other expertise. Goss believes Gibbs is also well-versed in traffic issues, and that the two firms

have started working together just in the past few months. Gibbs appears to have partnered with many firms on different projects. The group would appreciate a marketing package focused on Moule, which Gibbs indicated he would forward soon. Krakow looked through the list of New Urbanist projects to see where Gibbs and Moule appeared and with whom they had partnered.

Streetworks told Krakow we're too far away for them to consider, but thanked us for the contact.

The group will invite Gibbs/Moule to submit additional information.

At this time the meeting for Monday, December 19 is cancelled. A meeting will still be held on Friday, December 23.

The group updated the status of discussions with the project list.

Noelle Knopf, 5796 US 31 North, commended all participants on how well they work together. The original timeline was too ambitious and she hopes that the advisory will not feel badly about the extensions made.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:05 p.m.