

**Richland-Pulaski Comprehensive Planning Review Committee
Meeting XVII, March 5, 2015, H. Douglas Barclay Court House**

Committee Present: Dawn Holynski, Chair; Shawn Doyle, Secretary; Donna Gilson, Mike Socia, Jodi Olsen, Bill Larrabee

Town Planning Board: Don Merritt,

Village Planning Board: S. Doyle, Bill Larrabee

Village of Pulaski-Mayor Karl Hax,

Town of Richland: D. Holynski, Donna Gilson

Community Members: Tricia Hax

CNYRPDB- Jeannie Gleisner,

Dawn Holynski, Committee Chair, opened the meeting at 5:30 and welcomed all who were present. Minutes from the February 5, 2014 meeting were corrected by Bill Larabee to reflect that his brother is an investor in the solar industry; approved upon motion by Bill Larrabee, seconded by Donna Gilson. All in favor, none opposed.

Shawn suggested the Mayor invite Chris Carrick to come to the Village Board and discuss the Climate Smart Community initiative, Chris addressed the town board in February and they adopted a resolution of support. Mayor Hax agreed the village could invite him to the next meeting, Shawn and Jeannie will get more information and Dawn will pass on the resolution the town passed to the village.

Jeannie took over the presentation at 5:40.

Transportation and Circulation:

- Sustainable pavement: where we can look to use pavement that allows flow (pervious) this can be done on side roads and parking lots.
- Energy efficient street and park lighting (Karl says the ones in Village are leased)
- Street connectivity: where there is new development it is important to connect them to grid of streets, avoid dead-ends. Length of blocks
- Transit facilities and access—identify new transit stops. (Need to get from Margaret Weigel info on her research to site bus stops for OCO routes)
- Park and ride (Donna cited the informal lot next to exit 35 the commuters use.
- Bicycle lanes, off street paths and lanes should be envisioned. Jodi cited Boylston's Winona Forest as excellent.
- Green streets, trees where possible, there are varieties that are salt resistant!
- Need sufficient off street parking
- Discourage garage and service bay areas in-between commercial hub.... (Jeanie cited community bank as nice, but potentially dangerous for pedestrians)
- Reduce off-street parking requirements (reverse of 1980s zoning trends)
- Recognize Shared parking (night and day businesses)

Natural and Historic Resources

- We are in good shape here,
- Town has done a good water protection plan
- Flood plains—need to keep them in the forefront of planning decisions
- Black Hole wall—need to add this as a plan goal for recreation, fishing access and erosion control

Historic Preservation

- Need a review board?
- Landscape preservation—important trees such as our sycamore Park/Broad Streets
- Night sky access—new development should shield lighting, and we need to discourage nuisances such as the McDonalds sky light!!

- Need to ID endangered species in our area.

List of Update Topics: Jeannie---

- Need to change 1st one-(See handout on sidewalks)..Some discussion by Karl on the Safe way to School costs. Jeannie was at the same meeting at Burnet Park Zoo. Karl says the DOT is due to let contracts on Rte. 11. Shawn added that they may be delayed due to the delay in Short Bridge. All agreed that Route 11 is horrible. Karl thinks Frank Lacy Rd. north to the Village is in the 2015 paving plan. Shawn mentioned the Amish transportation on this road.
- Agricultural Land Protection- secondary farm uses allowed in farm areas
- Green Building Retrofits-need to remove Kallet, add Bowling alley. Salina Street needs to be looked as an area to be redeveloped comparable to N. Jefferson
- Flood---to look at flood zones in planning
- District heating and cooling.---CNYRP language ready to add

Committee Add on: Dawn---add Rte. 5 to bike path. Jodi brought up concerns about crossing on route 3. Shoulder should be widened. Shawn cited Greenway plan from 1990s and how this called for bike path here. We could meet Greenway goals along the Salmon River by a bike/pedestrian path along Co. Rte. 5

Dawn-asked about identity of Maple Ave parking as public. Jodi also talked about the parking signs and perhaps we should add a map to the web sites. People from out of town don't understand where to park. Black Hole parking lot situation discussed: Karl---we need grader and millings added, stairs unsafe. Karl: a graded approach will likely be added.

Shawn---Easy on easy off to 81 on Rte 13---with sidewalks must be in the goals to be seen by DOT planners who will be replacing the I-81 bridges in next few years.

Shawn to send bridge inventories to Jeannie to add to plan as reference and Pulaski Economic Development committee roundtable info

Jeannie brought up the connectivity desire for a trail into Deer Creek Marsh. She pointed out that the public parking on the west side of Rte. 3 just before Rainbow Shores Road is an underutilized access point to an amazing patch of protected land that is marketable for trails, kayaking etc. She envisions a well-marked trail system through this property headed west to lake with a pedestrian bridge over Deer Creek and access to Rainbow Shores Hotel property. Jodi remarked a southern access/entry point from Brennan's Beach could be also added.

Shawn mentioned the proposed Pedestrian walkway from Selkirk Point north to Brennan's Beach that could allow patrons of the Lighthouse development access to Brennan's and Visa versa. This will be added as a goal.

There was discussion about adding language citing the value of keeping Ramona Beach/Hager Drive and Rainbow Shores Road public access points as town property. Need to run this by town board. (*Lesson in value: town of Sandy Creek only got state grant money to dredge channel of North Pond by proving town had a town owned public access point to water.*)

Discussion on rental property and how to regulate. The Mayor has asked Alyson Tighe to head up committee to review rental regulations and control options.

Other Business: Jeannie cannot come on April 2, meeting but will be here in May 7. April 2, meeting; we will invite the two planning boards. Mike Soccia has resigned due to health concerns, all appreciate the work put in by Mike. Two names were put forward for the town to consider. Meeting adjourned upon motion of Donna Gilson, 2nd by Jodi Olson at 7:17. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Doyle