

**Hastings Charter Township
Barry County
Rutland Charter Township
Carlton Township
City of Hastings
Joint Planning Alliance**

**Draft Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2010**

Members Present: Haywood, Lenz, Miner, Medendorp, Warren, Jasperse, Mansfield, Brown, Carr.

Members Absent: McManus, Carpenter, Wiswell, Redman.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Stolsonburg.

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Byrnes.

Others Present: May.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Carr.

Carr asked for comment regarding the minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting of the Joint Planning Committee, the draft agendas for the July 21, 2010 and August 10, 2010 meetings of the Rutland Township Planning Commission, the draft minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting of the Rutland Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the August 2, 2010 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission. No comment was forwarded.

Motion by Medendorp, second by Brown to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting of the Joint Planning Committee as presented, and to receive and place on file the draft agendas for the July 21, 2010 and August 10, 2010 meetings of the Rutland Township Planning Commission, the draft minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting of the Rutland Township Planning Commission, and the draft minutes of the August 2, 2010 meeting of the City of Hastings Planning Commission.

Motion carried.

Carr asked for additions or changes to the draft agenda for tonight's meeting as written. No requests for changes to the agenda were forwarded. Motion by Stolsonburg, second by Haywood to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written.

Motion carried.

Carr asked for comment from the public. No comment was forwarded.

Carr asked for updates from those present regarding projects within their respective jurisdictions.

Stolsonburg reported that to his knowledge there were no new projects under consideration at the County.

Jasperse stated that the new Seasonal Grill restaurant had recently opened in the Cook building. Mansfield stated that the Planning Commission and City Council were considering various methods of regulating medical marijuana in the City. Mansfield reported that there appeared to be a variety of different opinions regarding the appropriate approach to use to regulate medical marijuana. Carr offered to forward the general policy currently under development at the Township level related to medical marijuana to the City when it was completed.

Haywood stated that Rutland Township had scheduled a public hearing for September 15, 2010 to solicit comment on the Township's draft Joint Zoning Overlay ordinance. Carr stated that the Township Board could consider adoption of the ordinance shortly after the public hearing. Mansfield questioned if all of the joint zoning overlay ordinances were consistent with the concepts in the Joint Land Use Plan. Warren stated that the Rutland Township Planning Commission had recently completed development of a revised draft ordinance to regulate "keyholing" in the Township.

Carr introduced discussion regarding Barry County's inquiries regarding various matters in the Joint Land Use Plan. Stolsonburg reported that the County was currently waiting to review the draft intergovernmental services agreement being developed by the JPA Working Group.

Carr stated that the JPA had previously discussed the joint zoning overlay ordinances (agenda item 7.c.).

Carr stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the development of an intergovernmental services agreement. Carr stated that Fisher had not contacted any representative of the JPA since the initial meeting of the JPA Working Group. Carr stated that he would contact Fisher in the very near future and move this work forward.

Carr asked for a report from the JPA Education Committee. Brown stated that there was no report.

Carr asked for a report from the JPA Website Committee, but no members of the Committee were in attendance.

Carr asked for a report regarding the EPA Brownfield Site Assessment Grant project. Mansfield stated that SME was working with Airport Manager Mark Noteboom to develop a proposal to perform Phase I site assessment work on the areas slated for construction of facilities to accommodate private and commercial aviation activities. Mansfield reported that the Airport had initially requested that an environmental assessment be conducted on all of the Airport's property, but that SME had suggested that the area be reduced due to the extensive cost of evaluating all of the Airport's holdings.

Haywood questioned if Noteboom was aware of the presence of three underground storage tanks at the site. Haywood stated that there was also an underground tank at the site that was used at one time for the storage of used motor oil.

Carr reported that the name of the Joint Planning Committee had now officially been changed to the Joint Planning Alliance.

Carr asked for suggestions for tasks to be added to the JPA's list of work tasks to be accomplished in 2010. No suggestions were forwarded.

Carr reported that Ken Bosma of Prein and Newhof continued to research possible sources of funds for use by the JPA.

Carr asked for additional comment from anyone in attendance. No additional comments were forwarded.

Carr asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA.

Warren suggested that researching additional funding for the work of the JPA be added to the JPA's list of work tasks. Carr asked that this item be added to the list of work tasks.

Stolsonburg stated that a site plan for a new doctor's office in Delton had been approved by the Barry County Planning Commission.

Carr asked for additional comments from the members of the JPA. No additional comments were forwarded.

Motion by Brown, second by Lenz to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jeff Mansfield
Secretary