

COURTHOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD  
Steering Committee  
February 8, 1994

Present: Frank Council, Sue Martinson, Sally Johnson, Chris Sager,  
Margo Chadwick, Ann Sager, Bill & Joyce Anderson, Linda  
Muldoon, Meg Casey, Dan Hulbert, Mary Beth Laux  
Guest: Ken Thiene, East Central WI Regional Planning Committee

1. Agenda approved.
2. Sally moved for acceptance of minutes as distributed, second by Bill. Approved.
3. Ken Thiene presented information to the group regarding the role of East Central WI Regional Planning Committee in the study being completed for the city/county. He was initially contacted by Mayor DeBroux and County Executive VandeHey. This was followed by a meeting in which they mutually discussed the nature of the study to be done. This meeting included, in addition to the mayor and County Executive, other city and county staff (Steve Heimlich, Warren Uttecht, Robert Stadel, Tate, City Attorney, Public Works Committee Representative.

He reviewed statistics regarding the growth experience in the Fox Cities area. Had some comments regarding planning process for both city and county.

In regard to the study he will be introducing the notion of TDM (Travel Demand Management), things to be done to reduce the use of motor vehicles especially the SOV (Single Occupant Vehicle). He will be looking at ways for this to be changed, keeping in mind that we do have a large employer with a single work site, a matter of parking need versus transportation concern. He will be looking to the neighborhood to introduce the concept of historical preservation.

He did note that a longer time period is needed. He does not expect any problem with the city/county in this due to it not being a crisis issue.

He did ask the group what we viewed as areas of concern within the neighborhood. The following items were noted:

- boundaries
- surface parking/ramp
- destruction of homes for surface parking
- where does it stop?
- historic preservation vs destruction
- individuals who "frequent" parking areas - safety factor
- over-reaching power
- lack of vision by city and county government
- saving residential area in central city
- committed to saving neighborhood for now and future
- other options need to be explored

Sue suggested research regarding recommendation in terms of transportation, SOV's, identifying space available for car-poolers to park.

Ken noted he will be working within the givens provided by the city and county, parameters have been set. The action, cost-effective, to be taken, with options provided, will be determined by city/county.

Frank summarized the actions taken by the neighborhood to this point. We are striving to preserve the existing residential area, with preservation also referring to restoration of properties currently owned by county to residential.

4. Sally reported that the returns on the surveys has been good. An number of individuals have also called indicating theirs would be coming late. Noted final map of area should include those homes already torn down. She has had a meeting with Mary Plank Rechner and will be doing so again to correct the walking tour.

Sally also noted a contact with the post office. From this point on NOTHING is to be delivered through use of MAILBOXES. Materials can be placed between doors.

5. We have received an acknowledgement in regard to the "10 Most Endangered List." Preservation Day is March 8th in Madison. Dependent upon outcome in regard to our application, a group may want/need to attend.
6. A recent contact with the Historical Society has put us in contact with Matthew Carpenter. He indicated that Ann Zophie will be researching all materials for our area. When this is completed she will set times to review the data with the group.
7. Sally distributed copies of a map of our area. This was received from the EC WI Planning Office.
8. Frank indicated that the lawyers have received a copy of our goals. They are recommending applying for non-profit status. Fee would be \$300-350. They encouraged deed restrictions on properties to included damage clause. If this is done, to do it together, solidarity.
9. No further information regarding property values. Will try to have an update for the next meeting.
10. We will appoint a new Vice-Chairperson at the next meeting. A letter will be sent to John noting acceptance of his resignation with regret.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 1994 at 6:00 PM. Meg will schedule the County Board Room for this meeting.

**NOTE:** County Board Room is not available. We will meet at the home of Bill & Joyce Anderson, 335 West Sixth Street.