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**APPROVED
OTTAWA COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
OF
OTTAWA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HUDSONVILLE**

**Monday, October 11, 2004 7:00 PM
City of Hudsonville - Board Room
City Hall
3275 Central Boulevard**

DATE: October 11, 2004

PLACE: City of Hudsonville, City Hall

PRESENT: Cornelius Vander Kam, Ottawa County Planning Commission; Robert Rinck, Ottawa County Planning Commission; Bill Miller, Ottawa County Planning Commission; John DeGrazia, Ottawa County Planning Commission; Betty Gajewski, Ottawa County Planning Commission; Jim Miedema, Ottawa County Planning Commission; Don Van Doeselaar, City of Hudsonville; Pauline Luben, City of Hudsonville; Dan Strikwerda, City of Hudsonville; Gary Raterink, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Carol Baker, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Phil Leerar, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Bea Berghorst, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Dan VanLaar, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Charles VanDenBerg, City of Hudsonville Planning Commission; Susan Dykema, City of Hudsonville; Asher Pimpleton, Grand Haven Tribune

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director; Paul Sachs, Planning & Grants; Soonja Hixon, Planning & Grants

GUESTS: Mike Flynn, Stanley Luben, Steve Essenburg, Richard Mohr, Laurie Van Haitzma, Jim Holtrop, Janice Sal, Pat Meyer, Jill DeLeeuw, Terry Tromp, Theresa Kooistra, Norm Unema, John Wallace, D. Van de Roovaart

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Gajewski.

Approval of the Agenda:

04-45 Motion: To approve the Agenda for the October 11, 2004 Joint Meeting.

Moved by: Rinck

Supported by: Vander Kam

UNANIMOUS

Approval of Minutes:

04-46 Motion: To approve the City of Hudsonville Minutes from the September 15, 2004 Meeting.

Moved by: VanLaar
Supported by: Leerar
UNANIMOUS

04-47 Motion: To approve the Ottawa County Minutes from the September 7, 2004 Meeting.

Moved by: Vander Kam
Supported by: Miller
UNANIMOUS

Presentations:

A. Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project

Mark Knudsen briefly discussed the Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project with the audience. He then introduced Paul Sachs of the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. Paul Sachs provided an overview of the Urban County Smart Growth project. He discussed the goals, objectives, and primary components of the project. He said the project will focus on improving vibrancy, livability and aesthetic character in the City of Hudsonville. After the presentation, Paul addressed questions from the audience.

Dan Strikwerda read two letters of support he received regarding the Urban Smart Growth Program. One was from Senator Wayne Kuipers who congratulated the City of Hudsonville for being selected to participate in the program; the other was from former Hudsonville City Manager Leon VanHarn

B. Survey of Community Support (Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project)

A survey was distributed to all the participants at the joint meeting. Mark Knudsen asked the audience to fill out the surveys and return them to the Ottawa County Planning Commission in order to determine the level of support for the Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project.

Public Comments:

John Wallace expressed concern with the Smart Growth "ideologies" and the free market district. He said the "Cool Cities" program contains disturbing ideas that no longer value family. Overall, Mr. Wallace is not supportive of the Urban Smart Growth Program.

Pat Meyer said she would love to see a beautiful downtown area and hopes the Urban Smart Growth Program will help achieve this.
She asked about historic preservation and overall was supportive of the program.

Mark Knudsen addressed John Wallace's concerns regarding the Urban Smart Growth Program. He said that the County's Smart Growth Project is unique to Ottawa County, and is completely different than other "Smart Growth Programs". Further, Mark said that the program will not be implemented without the mutual agreement of the Planning Commission and community.

Petitions & Communications:

A. Letter of correspondence to communities who expressed interest in participating in the Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project

Action Items-City of Hudsonville:

A. Electro-Techniques Façade

04-48 Motion: To support Electro-Techniques Façade.

Moved by: Leerar
Supported by: VanDenBerg

UNANIMOUS**Action Items – Ottawa County:**

A. Crockery Township's Draft 2004 Comprehensive Plan

04-49 Motion: To support Crockery Township's Draft 2004 Comprehensive Plan.

Moved by: Vander Kam

Supported by: Rinck

UNANIMOUS

B. House Bill No. 5446

04-50 Motion: To support the addition of one (1) member to the County Planning Commission to represent school districts as required by Public Act 307 of 2004 and forward their recommendation to the full County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by: Vander Kam

Supported by: Rinck

UNANIMOUS**Discussion Items-Ottawa County:**

A. Legal opinion from Scholten & Fant regarding the Olive Township Child Safety Care Ordinance

Scholten and Fant provided a legal opinion regarding the Olive Township Child Safety Care Ordinance. A copy of the legal opinion was included as part of the packet for Ottawa County Planning Commission members.

B. Ottawa County Extension's Resolution calling upon the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to establish a Farmland Preservation Program. Cornelius Vander Kam said he does not know why this item needs to be reopened since the Ottawa County Planning Commission already addressed this matter at a previous meeting. The Planning Commission voted not to support a Purchase Development Rights (PDR) Program in Ottawa County.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order (7:00 p.m.)
2. Invocation
3. Approval of the Agenda for the October 11, 2004 Meeting
4. Approval of the City of Hudsonville Minutes from the September 15, 2004 Meeting
5. Approval of the Ottawa County Minutes from the September 7, 2004 Meeting
6. Announcements (7:05 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)
 - A. Introductions

7. Presentations (7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)
 - A. Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project
 - B. Survey of Community Support (Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project)
8. Public Comments – 3 Minutes Per Person (7:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
9. Petitions & Communications-Ottawa County (8:00 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.)
 - A. Letter of correspondence to communities who expressed interest in participating in the Urban Smart Growth Demonstration Project

Motion: To receive for information Item A
- 10a. Action Items-City of Hudsonville (8:05 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)
 - A. Electro-Techniques Facade

Motion: To support/not support Electro-Techniques Facade
- 10b. Action Items-Ottawa County (8:15 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.)
 - A. Crockery Township's Draft 2004 Comprehensive Plan

Motion: To support/not support Crockery Township's Draft 2004 Comprehensive Plan
 - B. House Bill No. 5446

Motion: To support the addition of one (1) member to the County Planning Commission to represent school districts as required by Public Act 307 of 2004 and forward the motion to the full County Board of Commissioners.
11. Discussion Items-Ottawa County (8:25 p.m. – 8:35 p.m.)
 - A. Legal opinion from Scholten & Fant regarding the Olive Township Child Safety Care Ordinance
 - B. Ottawa County Extension's Resolution calling upon the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to establish a Farmland Preservation Program
12. Adjournment (8:35 p.m.)