

The Strategic Planning committee met in Room A-200 of Administrative Center.

Meeting called to order at 10:47 AM by Chairperson Becker.

Present: Committee Members Becker, Barrow, Bock, Richart, Rothstein, Stern and Wirth.

Others Present: Tom Meaux, Jason Dzwiniel

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Assurance that the meeting had been properly noticed provided. Motion made by Supervisor Stern to adopt the agenda, seconded by Supervisor Bock. Motion carried 7-0.
2. Approve Minutes of July 18, 2007: Motion made by Supervisor Barrow to approve July 18, 2007 minutes, seconded by Supervisor Stern. Motion carried 7-0.
3. Discuss Development of Strategic Issue Agenda: The Committee discussed the process for the identification of strategic issues. The following areas were identified:
  - Business & Economic Development
  - Housing Options
  - Land Development (natural land, PDR, etc.)
  - Senior Care (aging population, transportation, etc)
  - Government profile (leadership, proactive, cooperation)
  - Identify early Intervention
  - Meeting needs of disabled population (aging parents)
  - Family Care, ADRC, what they mean for county, what's mandated?
  - Emergency Preparedness, loss of funding, public safety issues
  - What does county look like in 30 years!
  - Public transportation, quality of life issues, traffic congestion
  - Water resources, blessed with quality, quantity, pollution, Lake/Rivershed
  - Land Preservation/appropriate use, PDR, worthy of preservation, cons sub-division
  - Aging population: housing choices, public transit, health, care options
  - Transportation: expand co roads, public transportation
  - Environmental Preservation
  - Farmland, open space preservation
  - Intergovernmental Cooperation (Lake Michigan, land uses, econ development, MATC, convention center, Fairgrounds, consolidate units of government
  - Lake Michigan Great Lakes water basin
  - Consolidation of Services: service driven, not just tax related, entrenchment of local government
  - Economic Development, brain drain
  - Combining with Washington County

- Transportation issues: expanding hours, more service
- Government consolidation: lead by example, brings people together
- Aging demographics
- Government/Business/non-profits partnership
- Quality of life (education, cultural, historical, transportation, public safety)
- Tourism (lake, interurban trail, paramount)

At their next meeting the Committee will further refine the areas of focus.

4. Adjournment. Motion made by Supervisor Richart to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Stern. Motion carried (7-0), adjourned 12:16PM