

MEMORANDUM

TO: Annandale Transition Area Committee Members
FROM: Dan Jochum, SEH
DATE: August 12, 2008
RE: Wright County Northwest Quadrant Land Use Plan – Annandale Transition Area Committee Meeting #3 Summary

The following document summarizes the third Committee meeting for the Wright County Northwest Quadrant Land Use Plan – Annandale Transition Area; it is not meant to be a complete record of discussions which took place, but rather a summary of the various topics and issues raised and discussed.

Date of Event: Tuesday August 12, 2008 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Location: Annandale City Hall

Attendees:

Mark Casey, City of Annandale (Committee Member)
Dewey Gunnarson, Annandale Planning Commission (Committee Member)
John Dearing, Corinna Township Board (Committee Member substitute)
Maynard Nilson, Southside Township Board (Committee Member)
Gordy Peterson (Committee Member)
Tom Salkowski, Wright County Planning
Dan Jochum, SEH
Charlotte Quiggle

I. Recap

- The meeting kicked off with a review of last meeting and if there were any outstanding questions.
- Salkowski indicated changes to the map were made based on comments from Corinna and Southside Townships, and Annandale.
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II. Transition Area Map

Nilson brought up gravel pit area west of Annandale on the north side of Highway 55 and said this may be appropriate for commercial development in the future. This could be included in the transition area on the map. The City is indifferent in regards to this area being included in the transition area. Nilson will run it by other Township Board members and get back to Salkowski.

There was also discussion regarding the SW side by South Brook and whether it should be included in the transition area. Nilson indicated it should not. Gunnarson brought up issue future transportation/road issues in this area, specifically 62nd Street. If development occurs in this area a major road construction project will need to occur. The group agreed that the map as drawn was acceptable, subject to Southside concurrence with additional area west of Annandale and north of Hwy 55 as discussed.

III. Next Steps – Future Meetings

A. Update on work of other committees, progress on NWQ Plan

Salkowski updated the group on progress in the other committees. The Natural Resource Committee is close to finishing a draft map for public review. Landowners will be notified when meetings are held to discuss “resource land.” The Aggregate Committee is about 1 month behind and they are mapping aggregate areas in Southside Township and Monticello Township. They are also working on policies for the aggregate areas.

Salkowski indicated he will be meeting with a Maple Lake Transition area Committee some time in the coming months. There will probably only be 1 or 2 meetings with this group depending on what issues come up.

After the committees are wrapped up information will be presented to the County Planning Commission and the Plan will start being drafted. There will be more Public Information meetings as the Plan is being finished. Tom would like to wrap everything up by December but it may take longer than that.

B. Sewer Service to lake areas?

Cities generally don't extend services to areas that aren't in the City. Salkowski asked if Lake John and Pleasant are worth looking at to service with sewer. It was noted that Pleasant may be difficult to serve due to recent reconstruction of Highway 24. It would be difficult to come around the west side of the lake as well. Mark Casey indicated this is an issue that can be handled between the cities and the townships.

Gunnarson noted that not including these two lakes in the transition area may make it more difficult to service these areas in the future because the City looks at the transition area for doing long range infrastructure planning and other related planning.

Gordy indicated most of Lake John is fine with septic systems except for some of the small lots right off of Highway 38.

C. Other

Casey asked if there will be an opportunity to comment further as the Plan is further developed. The answer is yes, there will be more public information meetings held in the future and City's and Township's will be notified of these meetings.

Salkowski thanked all members for their input, and noted that there does not seem to be reason for any further meetings.