

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Vilas Co. Courthouse by Chairman Ronald De Bruyne with the following members present: Sig Hjemvick, Dennis Nielsen, Fred Radtke and Linda Thorpe. Others present at this meeting: Social Services Director Greg Schiek, Corporation Counsel Martha Milanowski, Glenn Morrison – Architecture North, Ltd., Sandra Slagle, William Doerr, Ken Anderson and Clerk David Alleman.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by D. Nielsen, 2nd by L. Thorpe to approve the agenda with the agenda order at the Chair's discretion. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion by L. Thorpe, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2008 meeting as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Assisted living facility – party looking to site:

Sandra Slagle reported to the committee that a group known as “Friends of the Future” has been actively trying to site an assisted living facility for middle income seniors, in the Eagle River area. This effort began two years ago. Their focus is on building and managing a Residential Community Apartment Complex. This would not be a nursing home, but an assisted living complex offering various levels of assistance. There currently is no such facility in this area. She pointed out that Vilas County has a large senior population, many of whom would like to be able to remain residents in the later stages of life. This group has had offers to build an RCAC, but lack an offer to manage and staff such a complex. D. Nielsen stated that this was a needed facility. He noted that Ozaukee County is considering building a county operated assisted living facility. L. Thorpe stated that this concept needed to be thought about further.

Social Service Wing Space Needs Study:

a. Architecture North:

G. Morrison of Architecture North, Ltd. explained his methodology for conducting the approved Social Service wing space needs study. He produced a large form that will be filled in by each department head involved. Current and future space needs will be determined, including determining what space can be shared by departments and what needs to be allocated for individual and private/secure use. This study will also attempt to determine furniture and office equipment needs. S. Hjemvick urged G. Morrison to offer the department heads practical guidance regarding these issues. R. De Bruyne continues to be concerned about a pending human services study commissioned by Oneida County. G. Schiek reported that the focus of that study concerned all of the human services provided by Oneida County, not just those provided by the Tri-County Human Services Center. He felt that the findings of that study may be published by the end of August, 2008. If Oneida County takes a different direction with regards to their involvement with the joint Human Services Center, that decision could majorly impact Vilas County with regards to Social

Services space needs. F. Radtke felt that our current space needs study should be halted until further information is received from Oneida County. G. Morrison agreed. Motion by F. Radtke, 2nd by S. Hjemvick to postpone the Social Services space needs study until the results of the Oneida County human services study can be reviewed. All voting aye. Carried.

Courthouse Parking – Current and Future Needs:

L. Thorpe presented a parking diagram provided by the City of Eagle River engineer concerning a redesign of the current parking spaces available on Court Street in front of the Courthouse. This plan would require no additional construction nor any purchase of lands. Angle parking would be developed on the north side of Court Street, with the south side continuing to provide parallel parking spaces. All spaces would be striped. Court Street would become one-way, traveling west. This proposal would provide 50 parking spaces convenient to the courthouse. S. Hjemvick stated that space #1 should be eliminated due to line of sight obstruction. He also recommended additional handicap parking spaces. K. Anderson pointed out that the Courthouse/Justice Center complex already contained 144 designated parking spots, all on county lands. S. Hjemvick also felt that the city, if they approve this design, should be helped financially with the cost of striping and required signage. It was also felt that this could be accomplished before this winter as the need is immediate.

Motion by S. Hjemvick, 2nd by L. Thorpe to recommend to the Property and to the Finance & Budget Committees that this parking design be reviewed, and if satisfactory, to be sent for approval to the City of Eagle River Parking Committee; and that Vilas County pay for the cost of striping and required signage. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by F. Radtke to recommend to the Property Committee that additional handicap parking spaces be provided adjacent to the east end of the Social Services wing, including additional signage directing the public to the Register of Deeds handicap entrance. All voting aye. Carried.

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by L. Thorpe to recommend to the Property Committee that a concrete sidewalk be constructed from the Court Street sidewalk straight north to the Register of Deeds handicap entrance. All voting aye. Carried.

County Lands – Current and Future Needs:

a. Availability of former “Tula’s” Restaurant building:

L. Thorpe reported that the former Tula’s Restaurant building was for sale. This building is newer and includes 95 leased parking spaces and 13,051 sqft. of space on 3 floors. This building includes a 2000 sqft. rental property for income. F. Radtke felt that considering purchasing any buildings at this time would be premature due to the current space needs study not being completed.

Letters and Communications:

K. Anderson reported that he had created a summary based upon the space and parking needs questions given to the department heads at the request of this committee. He offered to provide the summary at a cost of \$8.75. F. Radtke felt that a brainstorming session needed to be organized between the appropriate county committees, to allow for the exchange of ideas and information.

Set next meeting date and time:

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Motion by L. Thorpe, 2nd by D. Nielsen to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman
Vilas County Clerk