

## ONEKAMA COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN

Village of Onekama and Onekama Township

### Meeting Summary

September 9, 2008

5:00 P.M.

Onekama Township Hall

Leadership Team Attendance: Susan Barnard, Dan Behring, Ken Burda, Bob Evans, Bob Hinsel, Scott Johnston, Beth McCarthy, Evie McNeil, David Meister, Margaret PUNCHES, Bob Wangbichler, and Bob Wendt

Tim Ervin, Consultant, Economic Alliance for Success  
John Iacoangeli, Beckett & Raeder, Inc.

Dan Behring asked that several items be added to the agenda and these included format for the final report, conclusions derived from the visioning sessions and discussion of Smart Growth principles. Iacoangeli stated that several of these issues were part of the agenda discussion.

1. Mapping: Existing Land Use

Iacoangeli informed Team that the wetland map was revised to reflect current MDEQ/MDNR data. In addition, a Permanent Residence map was shared reflecting tax information for principle residential exempt (PRE) property. As a result of discussion, Dave Meister provided a list of agricultural properties to be included on map as a means of reflecting just residential parcels not residential properties located on larger farm parcels. Iacoangeli stated that work is proceeding on an existing land use map using aerial photography from County.

2. Preliminary Report Format

Iacoangeli distributed copies of the preliminary report format including several chapters and asked that the Team review and comment. A discussion about format was held and it was agreed that the format present was acceptable.

3. Project Web Site

Iacoangeli announced that the project web site is up and running. The web address is [www.plan-onekama.org](http://www.plan-onekama.org). The site will be updated as the Team reviews materials.

4. Project Implementation Sheets

Iacoangeli shared with the Team an example of the Project Implementation sheets, which will be used in the report. The Team found these acceptable.

5. Collective Priorities

Iacoangeli distributed a hand-out identifying the collective priorities from the vision sessions cross referenced by the by three initiatives: The Six Pillars for Michigan's Recovery, Smart Growth Tenets, and LEED Neighborhood Development Criteria. In addition, he showed how each of the initiatives related to possible strategies for the master plan. A considerable

amount of discussion ensued resulting in a revised list of collective priorities for the master plan. These include:

- Portage Lake Water Quality
- Vibrant Downtown
- Competitive Schools
- Controlled Growth
- Consolidate Governments
- Planned Infrastructure
- Viewshed Protection
- Preservation of Character
- Sustainable (“Green”) Economic Development

These priorities will become the major focus and direction of the master plan.

6. Next Meeting Date

October 20, 2008  
5:00 p.m.  
Township Hall

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