



## CITY OF WAUWATOSA

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### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, October 7, 2008  
Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Alds. Birschel, Herzog, Jay, Krol, Maher, McBride, Meaux, Nikcevich, Purins, Stepaniak, Walsh – 11

**EXCUSED:** Alds. Donegan, Ewerdt, Hanson, Organ, Treis

**ALSO PRESENT:** J. Didier, Mayor; J. Archambo, City Admin.; A. Kesner, City Atty.; W. Kappel, Pub. Works Dir.; W. Wehrley, City Engin.; N. Welch, Comm. Devel. Dir.

Ald. Krol as Chair called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

#### **Comprehensive City Plan Update**

Ms. Welch stressed that it is important for the city to have a clear comprehensive plan in order to move forward. What is being presented at this meeting is a draft of the comprehensive plan. There will be many opportunities to make revisions and changes before the final approval.

Megan McLashen, Vanderwalle Assoc., presented a power point presentation. She noted that in 1999 the state passed legislation called the Smart Growth Law. Any community that wants to regulate land use has to have a comprehensive plan in place by 2010. The plan they have been working on is intended to meet all of the state's requirements. One of the key elements in order to ensure that the city will be able to implement the plan is to have all of the city's zoning in alignment with each other. The comprehensive plan is intended to define the type of development, the location of different types of development and also the character of the development throughout the city. The comprehensive plan will help the city to identify economic opportunities and growth. The plan is also intended to serve as a guide to elected officials, appointed officials and staff as they make day to day decisions about the city's future.

Ms. McLashen reported that they have had semi-monthly meetings with the Joint Committee for the Comprehensive Plan and that committee has been guiding this process. The meetings started in September, 2007. They have hosted four different vision workshops throughout the city as well as other venues to help them get feedback. Comments were also submitted to the website and an email address. In February, 2008 they hosted some intergovernmental meetings with other communities and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to get their input. The draft comprehensive plan represents a lot of work and input from the joint committee. The first complete draft was done in July. The joint committee was able to make recommendations after holding an open house, but there will be more opportunities to make suggestions and to tweak the plan. The document will then go to the Plan Commission, the Committee on Community Development and then the Common Council for a public hearing on December 2, 2008.

Ald. Krol thanked the Joint Committee on the Comprehensive City Plan, the Wauwatosa Economic Development Corporation, the Village Business Improvement District and all the citizens that participated in the discussions. He acknowledged all the effort that has gone into bringing the thought process together to form the draft comprehensive plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Carla A. Ledesma, City Clerk  
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