

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Manchester Community Schools  
DRAFT MINUTES of October 12, 2005

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Pat Vaillencourt.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Representatives present: George Daubner/Manchester, Karl Racenis/Manchester Village, Peter DeLoof/Freedom, Tania Kersey/Bridgewater, Ron Mann/ Manchester, Pat Vaillencourt/Village, Reno Feldkamp/Sharon, Ron Ellison/Manchester School, Tom Lavender/Sharon, Bob Little/Freedom, Others present: 10 Guests - Jan Godek/Lodi, Larry Lindemann/Freedom, Ray Berg/Freedom, Sara Bassett/Freedom, Mark Ouimet/District #1 Commissioner, Dwayne Vaillencourt/Village, Bill Lewis/Sharon, S.R. Beardsley/Manchester, Jolea Mull/Bridgewater, Larry Arreguin/State of Michigan
4. Introductions circulated
5. Draft agenda approved after deleting item number 6. "Approve the Minutes of September 14, 2005 Meeting" due to minutes not being available.  
Motion by Tania Kersey, second by Ron Mann, passed.

Washtenaw County Public Safety & Justice Needs Update - Pat Vaillencourt and Mark Ouimet: Pat introduced Mark Ouimet (District #1 Commissioner), who attended the meeting as a guest. Pat explained that Commissioner Ouimet is also serving on the steering committee that was established by County Administration to set up a process to understand mandated and county wide services and the impact on contracted services and cost to road patrol with the 2008-09 contracts. This Committee has scheduled their 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and is working swiftly through productive discussion toward developing a process, gathering ideas from the entities, and ultimately reporting back to the Board of Commissioners. An area meeting is expected to be scheduled in the area of Scio Township near the end of October to obtain feedback and determine options.

Additionally, Pat explained that Township Supervisors and the Village continue to meet to discuss alternatives to providing police protection. The group is gathering budget information while continuing consideration toward contracting with Chelsea City Police and has been discussing millage requirements to support police, fire, and/or a combination through individual or a regional public safety millage.

Larry C. Arreguin, Advisor Community Relations, Office of the Governor Jennifer Granholm: Chair introduced Mr. Arreguin who explained his position and location in Detroit to serve Southern and Western Wayne County, Monroe County and Washtenaw County. Mr. Arreguin explained Governor Granholm's Five Point Plan which includes: Simple business tax reform, Infrastructure Projects, Matching Our of Work Individuals w/Open Positions and Training, New Merit Scholarship -K14 Education, and Investing Two Billion Dollars for Life Sciences, Homeland Security and Fuel Cell Research.

Mr. Arreguin discussed Governor Granholm's recent events in the area, Governor Granholm's

creation of a task force regarding local government services and fiscal stability, and stated that the Governors office will look to Washtenaw County and local units of government to resolve the local issue of police protection and overall public safety. Mr. Arreguin announced simple qualifications for the Michigan Prescription Drug Program and that Governor Granholm supports New Child Passenger Safety legislation that requires children over 40 pounds to use a booster seat in addition to children 40 pounds and under.

Lastly, Mr. Arreguin circulated various news release information, including a grant funding opportunity for coordinated efforts that was received with great interest by the SWWCOG to consider with regard to funding eligibility for the regional police protection consideration. The groups showed intense interest in applying for the grant funding for this effort and enlisted support of the Mr. Arreguin's office to this regard. Grant applications must include resolutions of support from the individual entities, of which all Townships and the Village have already passed. Ron Ellison will add a resolution of support for the Schools to consider at their next meeting.

Following short question and answer period, Mr. Arreguin joined the audience for the remainder of the meeting.

Wireless Project Report - Ray Berg: Working groups have completed the initial work and have forwarded documentation to the advisory Board. An RFP is being prepared by Plant & Moran for the 18 interested entities. Progress has been slowed due to pending legislation that may be detrimental to the WW effort. Ray explained the status of the pilot programs and that the rural pilot applied for by SWWCOG is being seriously considered for a three part test that would include rural/urban area in the Village of Manchester, a high population rural area at Pleasant Lake, and a rural area in the vicinity of Sharon Hollow. Time line of the pilot is anticipated to be April 1 thru the end of June, providing free service to the approved pilot area. Following the pilot, the County will evaluate performance and award accordingly. Once Plant & Moran has finalized the RFP, the working groups will reactivate.

SWWCOG Web Site Update- Ray Berg: Site continues to be in update mode. Ray added Right of Way Map information and included direct Road Commission contact information to Brian Sharkey for guest feedback. Ray is looking in to the availability of tracking visits to the site to become familiar with what guests are utilizing on the site.

Roundtable Discussion:

Manchester Schools-Ron Ellison: Bus garage safety issues are being addressed. Ron will request consideration by the Board to support the police protection coordination efforts for assistance with funding grant application.

Sharon Township-Tom Lavender: Future of the southeast portion of the Township is being discussed. A grant was received for funding improvements to the Hall front porch. A survey regarding police/public safety will be circulated.

Freedom Township-Bob Little: Barrett gravel company is seeking a mining license to create a 100 foot deep 182 acre lake. The Board is discussing modifications to their mining ordinance.

Bridgewater Township-Tania Kersey: Sewer project nearly complete with potential to notify residents of authority to connect in the coming weeks. Wilbur Road Bridge replacement design alternatives discussed to allow the Road Commission to produce final plans. Board is also considering amendments to the mineral extraction ordinance. Bridgewater Farms and Bridgewater Commons developments continue review at the Planning Commission. A Master Plan survey is being finalized for distribution.

Manchester Township-Ron Mann: Board discussed potential police and/or public safety millage ballot language. Board is looking for volunteer development of a Township newsletter. Ron attended HVA open house and stated an impressive facility. Board heard a presentation from the Department of Public Works regarding “privately owned public sewer”. George Daubner/PC: Joint meeting with the Village discussed groundwork for expansion. Commission heard a landscape business zoning variance.

Manchester Village-Pat Vaillencourt: Announced Cindy Dresh as new trustee. Planning Christmas in the Village activities, DDA moving along through an aggressive time line, Historic Commission continues to gather data. Karl Racenis/PC: Reported consideration of revisions to the sign ordinance for inconsistencies.

Other Business: Open discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Vaillancourt, second by Tania Kersey, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting: November 9, 2005 at Manchester Township Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by: Tania Kersey, Bridgewater Township

