

Planning & Zoning News (cont.)

Some key takeaways from the overall five-year process in creating the plan documents to ordinance adoption are keep it simple to understand, easy to administer/implement, avoid overregulation, flexible/accommodate changes, incentive-driven, compromise due to challenges, respect property rights with a balanced presentation, and follow State Law. A couple focus areas within the planning process looked at regional development patterns considering population growth, carrying capacity of development, land use and development patterns, land cover, hydrology/stream hierarchy slopes, soil drainage/erodibility, and development suitability. A major source of loading/unloading of sediment and pollution has been due to unpaved roads and driveways in the watershed area. A few of the solutions from the plan are conservation design through the use of open space minimum requirements, performance standards for non-residential properties, and stream corridors with a clear purpose applicable only to rezonings.

The session, Leading With Staff Reports, was a collection of analysis on various staff reports from all kinds of communities to find good examples of staff reports. The majority of the discussion centered on the topic of the Planning Office of the Future through thinking big, experimenting, entrepreneurial, and strategic endeavors. A few of the alternative options for writing staff reports are telling stories about the facts and analysis of each specific case, video and technology, use a value decision in the report, utilizing the sidebar with connections to help the community pursue equity with goals and think big.

In *Facilitated Dialogue on Leadership and Planning*, I learned about adaptive leadership as the practice of mobilizing people to tackle tough challenges and thrive. The following five concepts are presented below in summary:

1. Get on the Balcony (*stand back and observe, gain perspective, self-reflection*)
2. Find out where people are at (*empathy*)
3. Building partnerships (*mobilize to help partners create protection and help build alliances among mutual concerns/interests*)
4. Create a Holding Environment (*use conflict in a productive manner and face conflict before it explodes*)
5. Give the Work Back (*empowerment; it's about how you wield power to empower individual's social action*)

The closing keynote, *Peter Kageyama: For the Love of Our Cities*, presented a fun and informative session on the idea that we are in a love relationship with our place. While a majority of the focus of his talk references cities, much can be translated to fit smaller and more rural places too. Peter challenged the group with the thought about encouraging us to love our places, which spur emotions that are contagious among the rest of the community. He also discussed that so often we are focused on building a great city by designing functional, safe, comfortable, and convivial spaces, but we need to focus more on developing ideas for the fun places in our cities too. Peter explained, "We have a tendency to overthink our problems but the Garden Hose solution IS a responsible action to the wants/needs of our issues". He left us with challenge to ask people what they feel to achieve the goal of creating lovable cities.

In sum, as professional planners we are responsible for leading the community at large to develop solutions that improve the quality of life, natural resource management, and to provide for the needs of a growing population. Education plays a big role in creating great places to live, work, and play for all types of citizens. This aspect of planning is the foundation of the profession to continually provide responsible public service and education in our professional development as well as to the community at large.

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What's Happening in Minnehaha County?

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Article 12.00 – Additional Use Regulations – to amend CAFO requirements and add section for aquaculture requirements

Article 19.00 – Conditional Use Permits – to amend notification requirements and permit expirations

Article 26.00 – Definitions – to amend and add definitions related to CAFOs and Aquaculture



NOTE: Picture above taken at Wilde Prairie Winery by David Heinold

2017 MINNEHAHA COUNTY PLANNING CALENDAR



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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

APPLICATION DEADLINE

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

JOINT COUNTY COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS