

Capitol Neighborhoods Inc
Downtown Plan Committee Meeting

December 10, 2007, 5:15pm
Barriques Coffee House, 127 W. Washington Ave.

Attendance: Ledell Zellers, Davy Mayer, Melissa Berger, Michael Bridgeman, Cliff Fisher

Minutes:

The group reached consensus that CNI does not need to address every topic in the proposed Downtown Plan, but instead to identify KEY TOPICS with CLEAR GOALS based on the concerns of the committee. These topics will then be presented for approval / editing by the entire Executive Council.

Empowering RESIDENTS to contribute and share their opinions on the proposed Downtown Plan is also deemed imperative. However, the group foresees difficulty here because the Downtown Plan's scope is considerably daunting. So while welcoming resident participation at each step, the group believes that it will be easier to obtain resident input once a proposal has been articulated and the organizational groundwork has been laid.

Group agrees that MAPS are a means to organize some of our thoughts and contributions to the Downtown Plan.

SCHOOLS are identified as a priority which the committee encourages be given more thought in the Downtown Plan.

Historic Districts versus Conservation Districts are discussed. See pages 16-17 of "Downtown 2000" report as a reference.

http://www.cityofmadison.com/statestreet/downtown_plans/2000.pdf

The group will begin circulating an email document brainstorming our ideas on CNI involvement on each of the seven ISSUE AREAS as laid out in the Downtown Advisory Report. Those seven areas are:

Land Use

Housing

Transportation

Economic Development

Civic / Cultural

Open Space and Recreation

Urban Design

The group will also brainstorm QUESTIONS it would like to pose to Bill Fruhling when he addresses the CNI EC during its December 17 meeting.

This email conversation and the CNI meeting will take the place of the meeting which would have taken place in two weeks (Christmas Eve). The next committee meeting has been scheduled for 5:15 of Monday, January 7, 2008 at Barriques.