



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved NORTHPORT-WARNER PARK-SHERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, March 27, 2008

6:00 PM

Packers Community Learning Center  
1927 Northport Drive

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 11 -

Lydia S. Maurer; Jodi L. Hanna; Pat Steele; Benjamin C. Cashin; Pacia J. Harper; Madeline Scherb; Jolena K. Presti; Diane L. Jetzer; Mary Schumacher; Karen M. Thompson and Thomas C. Blake

**Excused:** 5 -

Olga Cardenas; Lorie A. Walker; Cynthia M. Wood; Donald B. Bruns and Julie A. Savidusky

**City Alderpersons and Staff:** Alderperson Satya Rhodes-Conway (District 12), Alderperson Michael Schumacher (District 18); Archie Nicolette, Michael Waidelich, and Linda Horvath (Planning & Community & Economic Development).

### 2. APPROVAL OF March 13, 2008 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Scherb, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### 3. Announcements

None.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### 5. [09720](#) Land Use

Michael Waidelich, Principal Planner of the City's Planning Division gave a presentation on what land use planning is, its importance in the Comprehensive Plan and neighborhood plan, and how Steering Committee members can propose changes to the Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations. Steering Committee members asked questions and voiced thoughts on what they would like to see for land use in the future:

- What were traffic counts when Northside Town Center was fully occupied?
- How do Comprehensive Plan land use recommendations for the Berkley Oaks neighborhood relate to anticipated changes in demographics?
- Would like Oak Park Mobile Home Community to stay.

- Is splitting of lots a problem in this area? Not usually.
- Consider Area 5 on the land use map as two different areas.
- Ask Airport what is likely to happen in Area 5 on land it owns. Consider a business park?

Airport land along Packers could eventually include the main entrance in the Airport. Maybe hotels would be a good use. Need to plan for a buffer along housing across Packers Avenue.

6. [09328](#) Steering Committee Member Areas of Representation

***Lerdahl Park Neighborhood***

Mostly a single-family residential neighborhood with some multi-family along Troy and Harper Streets. Areas of high-quality 30-40 year old homes and million dollar homes on Woodward Drive along Lake Mendota. Issues include noise from Warner Park, crime, sex offender just moved into neighborhood, and there is no neighborhood association. Some assets include that people know each other and the Mendota Mental Health grounds are enjoyed by many in the neighborhood.

***Whitetail Ridge Neighborhood***

Primarily a single-family residential neighborhood with new to 15 year old homes many of which look similar to each other, many first-time homeowners, also families with kids that are getting to be teenagers. Issues include clay soil, which leads to elevated runoff levels, speeding cut-throughs to CTH CV (some traffic calming has been tried), and concerns about what will happen with surrounding vacant land.

***Northport-Packers Neighborhood***

Neighborhood surrounded by variety of uses such as a clinic, daycare, busline, two learning centers, and combination of low-income and condominium housing. Very blessed with a diverse population. Challenges include not enough jobs, teens need jobs, perception of how others view low-income population, kids who live at Packer Townhomes attend four different schools including Lindbergh Elementary School, Mendota Elementary School, Blackhawk Middle School and Sherman Middle School. Need better access for teens to Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC), speeding is a problem on Highway 113, not safe to walk to Pierce's Shopping through parking lot, need more bikepaths, and bike lanes for transportation and recreational biking. WPCRC hours are not long enough, open gym time could be expanded, WPCRC hours for families are becoming narrower and cost for membership prohibitive. Programming gap for middle school and early high school age kids. Community policing works, but depends on who the police team members are.

7. [09095](#) Assets and Issues

Some suggestions included adding category headings to issues list, reorganization of issues, combination of some issue groups, and possibly providing the public at the Open House with the re-worked list in the Steering Committee's order of priority, but without the tally of votes, then instruct people to do their own voting.

8. [09532](#) Open House

Schedule presented for April 12 Open House at Warner Park Community Recreation Center 9:30-11:30am.

**9. Next Steps**

- Public Infrastructure Inventories.
- Dialogue Trees.
- Next meeting agenda development: Thursday April 10: Packers Community Learning Center, 1927 Northport Dr. 6:30 p.m.
  - Review assets and issues list
  - Continue discussion of land use
  - Open House discussion
  - Strategize on how to conduct additional outreach for planning process
  - Request that Airport representative talk with group about possible changes to Airport land.
  - Request that Madison School Community Recreation program representative attend a Steering Committee meeting to talk about possible programming changes.

**10. Checkout**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Hanna, seconded by Thompson, to Adjourn at 8:04 p.m.  
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**