

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, November 18, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich, Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Motsch, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Racine County Real Property Lister/GIS Manager Kim Christman, Aging and Disability Operations Crisis Supervisor Amy Hart, Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson, Patricia Hanson District Attorney, Liam Doherty Project Manager, DOC Corrections Field Supervisor Nancy Ahler, and DHS Contract Specialist Angie Serwa (by phone)

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich. Attorney Serketich gave a brief statement on the status of the committee.

2. Public Comments

There were no members of the public present and, therefore, no comments.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for November 18, 2019 meeting and Minutes from October 28, 2019 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Kim Christman moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Nancy Ahler.

Action: All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

4. Discuss/consider process for making recommendation to DHS and Court for Chapter 980 sex offender placement

9:07 – Discussion held.

Michael Fink: The Court has ruled that Racine County is the primary residence. Review Hearing 12-16-19 at 2:00 pm.

James Hinkle: December 3, 2019 hearing will be pushed back at Hinkle’s attorney’s request due to changes to Assembly Bill 55.

Daniel Williams: Atty Evan Weitz has asked the court to have this case trail the Hinkle case.

Assembly Bill 55: Changes 120 days to 180 for counties to prepare reports. If deadline is not met, law allows the Court to find County not subject to enforcement and damages if County is acting in “good faith” effort to prepare report. 1,500-foot restriction eliminated but requires that the County consider distance.

Nancy Ahler directed the committee to the City’s list of permissible properties that meet the requirements.

Discussion held on how to move forward in reviewing current lists of properties assuming the 1,500-foot restriction will be removed.

Amy Hart indicated that Michelle Goggins has reached out to Jordan at Genesis as a potential vendor. Angie Serwa had one vendor contact her regarding home in Southeast Wisconsin but has not heard back from him in the past two weeks.

Liam Doherty indicated that Bob Flood recommended that the committee go with a local residential real estate agent instead of a commercial agent.

Amy Hart indicated that since October 29, 2019, 71 properties have been identified and sent to vendors, but no responses have been received. Angie Serwa asked to be copied on lists that are going out to vendors.

Julie Anderson spoke to the process of tiny or mobile homes; indicated that those buildings are intended to be temporary housing rather than long-term, that ordinances would need to be amended, homes would have to go into a sewer, high density area, likely in other municipalities which would entail a public hearing.

Next meeting Monday December 16, 2019 at 9:00 am. Matters to be discussed: in-rem and other properties for potential locations.

Action items:

1. Review in-rem properties for potential locations if the 1,500-foot restriction is lifted.

5. Closed Session

There were no discussions that required a closed session, therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Nancy Ahler moved to adjourn meeting at 10:02 a.m. Seconded by Angie Serwa.

Action: All Ayes No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Recorded November 18, 2019
Nicole Jurgens
Office of the Corporation Counsel