

TOWN of DUNN VISIONING MEETING
April 28, 2004 7:00 pm Town Hall
Comments and Results

- Approximately 35 people attended the town's Visioning Meeting on April 28, 2004.
- An overview of the town's comprehensive planning process and highlights from the community survey were presented.
- Two main questions were discussed in small groups, and then commonalities were decided on by the group as a whole.

Commonalities

Question 1: How do you envision the town twenty years from now?

Common Themes Among the Five Small Groups:

- Maintain and improve PDR program
- Quality of water is important
- Multi-use trails (hike, bike, horse)
- Maintain open space and environmental corridors
- Boundary agreements
- Maintain agriculture (types could change) and limit/stop disappearance of farmland

Question 2: What are 3 likes and 3 dislikes about the Village of McFarland boundary agreement proposal?

Common Likes Among the Five Small Groups:

- That McFarland won't grow south of the Yahara River
- That we should work as partners
- Their willingness to pursue infill development

Common Dislikes Among the Five Small Groups:

- We do not want to undo current PDR deals or give up the right to pursue future deals.
- Too much development
- Excessive loss of farmland
- Development negatively affects water quality
- Increase in taxes
- A twenty year boundary agreement is only a minimum

Small Group Answers

Question 1:

Group #1

- Active farmland maintained (positive incentives for organic farming)
- Density similar to present
- Affordable land
- Unified transportation network (trail/park system- hike, bike, ride)
- Dunn as Madison's garden

Group #2

- Higher quality lakes
- Maintain rural atmosphere in accordance with existing land use plan
- Higher quality air
- Enhance recreational uses that are compatible with land use plan
- Work with neighboring cities and villages for long-range boundary agreements

Group #3

- Maintain rural open space
- More trails- bike, hike, horse
- Improve water views
- Maintain low taxes
- Improve public transportation
- Improve water quality

Group #4

- Keep rural open spaces
- Expand recreation
- Strong boundary agreements
- Increase PDR program
- Increase energy self-sufficiency

Group #5

- More land in PDR to limit annexation
- More passive recreation trails (horse, biking, hiking)
- Protecting and expanding environmental corridors (wetlands, woods, streams, prairies)
- Great Wall of Dunn
- Planned growth

Question 2:

Group #1

Dislikes:

- Proposal is not in line with Town of Dunn's growth/ land use plan
- Loss of natural and farmland

Likes:

- Share/partner land acquisition with neighbors
- Agree not to annex south of the Yahara River

- McFarland better plan than Madison?

Group #2

Likes:

- Limited growth south of the Yahara River
- Willingness to include infill development within current Village limits
- Willingness to talk with us

Dislikes:

- Mixed use areas near AB/MN intersection. This lies within watershed drainage areas
- Topography will require expensive development of water and sewer
- Development of valuable farmland

Group #3

Likes:

- Not annexing south of the Yahara River
- That the Village would agree not to annex beyond east side growth area
- Both of us working together to benefit both sides

Dislikes:

- That the town will not purchase development rights
- Exploring legal options to undo the PDR deals
- Long-term plan for development south of the Yahara River

Group #4

Likes:

- Not to go south of the Yahara River
- Like township/village partnership idea (growth to be beneficial to both sides)
- Village and town amend their plans and development policies

Dislikes:

- Loss of farmland
- Annexation to the east is too much (not sure about McFarland's land use plan)
- Don't like dialogue about existing PDR land

Group #5

Likes:

- Acknowledgement of working together
- Partner with McFarland with equal voice
- Village agree not to move south of the Yahara (forever)
- Town and Village amend plans to reflect agreements
- Great Wall of Dunn

Dislikes:

- Taking land out of PDR

- Dunn agree not to purchase development rights
- No negotiation on going south of the Yahara River
- Really don't like any growth proposals