

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, August 19, 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 (by phone), Aging and Disability Operations Crisis Supervisor Amy Hart, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins (by phone), Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson, and DHS Contract Specialist Angie Serwa (by phone)

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:10 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 August 19, 2019 meeting and Minutes from July 22, 2019 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Amy Hart.

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

9:12 – Discussion held.

Michael Fink: Pending before Judge Nielsen with 180-day rule, has been reviewed by the court regarding residency. On 08-13-19, the Court ordered Juneau County to form a committee and look for appropriate housing and gave Juneau County one week to file any opposing motions.

James Hinkle: Corporation counsel has filed a letter with the Court explaining the County's efforts to locate suitable placement, a review hearing is set for September 16, 2019. Defense counsel has not yet filed a motion for sanctions, but it is expected that he will likely file as the deadline has passed. Discussed potential property of 9835 Saratoga Drive, Caledonia – however the 1500-foot radius touches the Root River Parkway and is too close to a school. Discussion held on whether a parkway is qualified as a park per the state; Milwaukee County recently made a legal argument regarding parkways. Additional problem with the parcel is its proximity to Jellystone Campground. Adjacent homes and the neighborhood need to be reviewed by law enforcement but not until vendors are contacted.

Daniel Williams: Deadline approaching. Committee plans to send a letter to the Court explaining the County's efforts.

Assembly Bill 55: Per Angie, no movement on bill yet. Maps may need to be updated to include home schools.

Newly identified potential properties: 12220 Eau Galle Rd, Racine, WI 53108. 9420 Riverview Lane Caledonia, WI.

HSD stated their realtor contact has not identified any qualified properties at this time. RFI status: realtor has been identified so now the search is for potential buyers.

Corporation Counsel has been working with Treasurer's Office to identify any potential back tax properties. Treasurer's Office has provided a list of approximately 1,000+ properties which owe back taxes; Treasurer's Office will work to narrow the list to remove properties that do not meet the requirements before forwarding to Kim Christman to review individual properties. Discussion held on how the committee's members can most efficiently review.

Due dates:

Michael Fink – July 26, 2019

James Hinkle – August 3, 2019

Daniel Williams – August 23, 2019

Backup date if next meeting needs to be moved up: Thursday September 12, 2019.

Action items:

1. Corp Counsel to review 6CI1 to see if Juneau County opposed Fink's placement. Corporation Counsel to track the status.
2. HSD & DHS to contact vendors to confirm interest in 9835 Saratoga Drive, Caledonia, WI and 12220 Eau Galle Rd, Racine, WI, and 9420 Riverview Lane.

5. Closed Session

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

6. Adjournment

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn meeting at 10:01 a.m. Seconded by Angie Serwa.

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

Recorded August 19, 2019
Nicole Jurgens
Office of the Corporation Counsel