

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
Tuesday, June 24, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

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**Meeting attended by:** Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich, 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, 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 10:07 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 June 14, 2019 meeting and Minutes from May 28, 2019 meeting reviewed.

**Motion:** Julie Anderson moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Kim Christman.

**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**

10:08 – Discussion held. HSD shared the list of in-rem properties with the lists of vendors, but no vendors were interested in the properties. HSD has been working on their lists, but homes are selling too quickly; of a list of eight properties, six sold within one week. Angie Serwa pointed out that one property was within 1,500 ft of the Jellystone Campground. 1518 Washington Ave is too close to Park High School, specifically the baseball diamonds.

The June 19, 2019 Finance and Human Resources Committee meeting was rescheduled to June 25, 2019 due to the accident and closing of HWY 20 and I94 on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. On June 25, 2019, the Treasurer will ask the Finance and Human Resources Committee to approve sales on several in-rem properties which received bids. However, there is a new list of 13 properties that can be reviewed by the committee as potential locations that were taken in the past Friday's in-rem action.

Angie Serwa indicated that there are no new vendors since the last meeting.

Discussion held regarding Michael Fink as The Court ordered that DHS is to prepare a plan for identifying a Racine County Residence by July 26, 2019; Fink's attorney Bob Peterson has indicated to Corporation Counsel that he does not intend to file a motion for penalty if Racine County does not find Fink placement before the due date as he wants Fink to go to Juneau County which is the secondary county as ordered by Judge Nielsen on April 26, 2019. Angie Serwa indicated that the County report is due Wednesday June 25, 2019 and that she will notify the court that no plan was submitted by Racine County.

Generally, the Committee has 120/180 days to provide its report to DHS then DHS has 30 days to provide their report to the Court. Given the Court modified the timing of the reports per its order, the Committee clarified that written notice should be sent to DHS explaining the steps that have been taken to find suitable placement, but no acceptable property has been identified or obtained. Committee can either ask for an extension or notify the parties of the efforts made.

Discussion held regarding Assembly Bill 55 that may remove the specific adjacent properties and the 1,500 feet restrictions, Angie Serwa to receive an update then provide that information to the Committee.

Committee discussed action items and deadlines; next meeting is July 22, 2019 but moved from 10:00 am to 9:00 am to better accommodate schedules.

Due dates:

Michael Fink – July 26, 2019

James Hinkle – August 3, 2019

Daniel Williams – August 23, 2019

**Action items:**

1. By July 8, 2019, each committee member/department to provide, in writing, to Corporation Counsel what work has been done thus far to attempt to identify acceptable properties.
2. Continue to attempt to identify acceptable properties.
3. Kim Christman to research cost of subscription to MLS or contact with a realtor to assist in the search.

Confirmed next meeting date as July 22, 2019 at 9:00 am (note time change).

**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 10:57 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman.

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

Recorded June 24, 2019  
Nicole Jurgens  
Office of the Corporation Counsel