

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, August 16, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins, Racine County Real Property Lister/GIS Manager Kim Christman, Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Contract Specialist Scott Timm.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Frank Motsch.

2. Public Comments

Caledonia Police Department present, but no public comments made.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for August 16, 2021 meeting and Minutes from July 26, 2021 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Kim Christman moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Michelle Goggins.

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

4. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

Legal Updates: 9:04 a.m.

Daniel Williams

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. Final order was entered on May 25, 2021 vacating prior order that had approved the residential property at 9901 Saratoga Drive for Mr. Williams and Mr. Tran. Per the May 25, 2021 order, the Committee has 120 days, or until September 22, 2021, to find a new residential option. The pending appeal case no. 2020AP2074 related to Judge Wynne P. Laufenberg's order granting Mr. Williams' Motion to Compel is proceeding and the County's brief is due August 18, 2021. Attorney Samuel Hall of Crivello Carlson, S.C. was retained by Racine County to handle the appeal.

Hung Tran

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. No new legal updates since the last Committee meeting. As reported at the last meeting, final order was entered on May 25, 2021 vacating prior order that had approved the residential property at 9901 Saratoga Drive for Mr. Williams and Mr. Tran. Per the May

25, 2021 order, the Committee has 120 days, or until September 22, 2021, to find a new residential option. Committee continues to search for suitable housing.

Dennis Yarber:

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. The Committee's report identifying a residential option for Mr. Yarber is due this week, August 19, 2021 to DHS. The Committee intends to provide a letter reporting the Committee's efforts to identify a residential option to DHS on that date. The Committee also intends on submitting a copy of that same letter to the Court in Racine County Case Number 2014CI02 and all parties' counsels in that case.

Jamerrel Everett

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. Mr. Everett's commitment was entered by Circuit Court Judge Paul Bugenhagen, Jr. under Waukesha County Case No. 2004CI000001. On May 14, 2021, Judge Bugenhagen entered an Order for Supervised Release in that same case; Mr. Everett's county of residence was determined by DHS to be Racine County. A copy of that Order for Supervised Release was not provided to the Committee so the Office of Corporation Counsel will make a request for a copy from the Waukesha County Circuit Court.

5. Residential option updates (Racine County Human Services Department (HSD))

9:09 a.m.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation of 08/13/2021:

- **MLS Listings**
 - Started getting listings daily on 6/23/2021
 - 7/26/2021: 16 single family, 4 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 25)
 - 7/27/2021: 23 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 30)
 - 7/28/2021: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 29)
 - 7/29/2021: 31 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 34)
 - 7/30/2021: 35 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 40)
 - 8/02/2021: 27 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 30)
 - 8/03/2021: 26 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 32)
 - 8/04/2021: 28 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)
 - 8/05/2021: 36 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 41)
 - 8/06/2021: 40 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 44)
 - 8/09/2021: 25 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 29)
 - 8/10/2021: 24 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 28)
 - 8/11/2021: 29 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 36)
 - 8/12/2021: 36 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 45)
 - 8/13/2021: 33 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 5 condos (total: 41)
 - **Grand total: 518**
 - **434 single family**
 - **38 two-family**

- 8 multi-family
- 38 condos

GIS Mapping Tool

There were no major updates made to the GIS Mapping Tool.

Ms. Goggins provided the update on HSD's evaluations performed on the potential properties sent by Ms. Christman, which are set forth below. HSD also continues to reevaluate all County-owned properties for potential suitability.

July: 613 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 289 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 289 properties, 57 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. 33 of the 57 properties were sent to the vendors for consideration as they were under the price point. For July, approximately no more than 5% of properties reviewed met the criteria. Only 4% of all homes historically reviewed met the criteria.

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

DHS Scott Timm indicated that most other Counties are facing similar difficulties in locating suitable housing for placement. Mr. Timm will research, at Attorney Motsch's request, data regarding timeframe for other counties to identify suitable housing. Mr. Timm noted that Dane County has had success in locating residential options; he believes that is primarily a result of their committee having the assistance of a county employee who is also an established licensed realtor.

7. **Closed Session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(d), (e), and (f) of the Wisconsin State Statutes to discuss confidential offender information under Wis. Stats § 980.06.**

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

8. **Adjournment**

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, September 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn meeting at 9:27 a.m. Seconded by Michelle Goggins.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Recorded August 16, 2021

Nicole Jurgens - Office of the Corporation Counsel