

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, September 20, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, 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.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich.

2. Public Comments

No members of the public were present, therefore no public comments made.

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for September 20, 2021 meeting and Minutes from August 16, 2021 meeting reviewed.

Motion: Julie Anderson 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: 9:11 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. Corporation Counsel plans to draft and submit letter to the State indicating the County's attempts to identify suitable housing, a copy will be filed with the Court. 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 has filed its brief, Mr. Williams' brief is due this week. Attorney Samuel Hall of Crivello Carlson, S.C. was retained by Racine County to handle the appeal.

Hung Tran

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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. Corporation Counsel plans to draft and submit letter to the State indicating the County's attempts to identify suitable housing, a copy will be filed with the Court.

Tran and two individuals from Kenosha County have filed a civil rights lawsuit (21CV1061) in the Eastern District of Wisconsin challenging the constitutionality of Chapter 980 in Wisconsin. Racine County is not a party to the action, but the Committee will track the case.

Dennis Yarber:

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. The Committee's report identifying a residential option for Mr. Yarber was due August 19, 2021 to DHS. Corporation Counsel sent a letter to the State with a copy to the Court in Racine County Case Number 2014CI02 noting despite the Committee's best efforts, a residential option has not yet been identified.

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. Corporation Counsel has sent a letter to the State with a copy to the Court noting despite the Committee's best efforts, a residential option has not yet been identified.

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

9:17 a.m.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation as of September 17, 2021:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 08-16-2021: 26 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 28)
 - 08-17-2021: 28 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 34)
 - 08-18-2021: 35 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 37)
 - 08-19-2021: 34 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 34)
 - 08-20-2021: 36 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 39)
 - 08-23-2021: 33 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 35)
 - 08-24-2021: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 29)
 - 08-25-2021: 28 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 34)
 - 08-26-2021: 31 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 36)
 - 08-27-2021: 32 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 37)
 - 08-30-2021: 25 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 26)
 - 08-31-2021: 30 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 33)
 - 09-01-2021: 31 single family, 2 two-family, 3 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 37)
 - 09-07-2021: 24 single family, 5 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 29)
 - 09-08-2021: 30 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 34)
 - 09-10-2021: 31 single family, 6 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 42)

- 09-13-2021: 28 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 30)
- 09-14-2021: 31 single family, 0 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 35)
- 09-15-2021: 31 single family, 1 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 36)
- 09-16-2021: 32 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 37)
- 09-17-2021: 37 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 44)

- **Grand total: 726**
 - **641 single family**
 - **40 two-family**
 - **12 multi-family**
 - **33 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.

August: 8,147 properties were referred to HSD for evaluation, of which only 80 had not been previously evaluated by HSD for conformity with statutory criteria. Of those 80 properties, 25 met statutory criteria after HSD's preliminary evaluation using the digital mapping tool. 25 of the 80 properties were sent to the vendors for consideration as they were under the price point. HSD requested Law Enforcement checks of two properties, one was excluded because young children lived in an adjacent property, and one property is still under consideration.

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

9:21

Discussion held regarding HSD's method of reverse searching on the GIS mapping tool to find homes that meet the statutory criteria. Further discussed potential of contacting current home and landowners for potential purchase or rent agreement for 980 placements. Currently, 15,000 parcels in Racine County appear to meet the requirements, however only approximately 6,000 of those parcels are likely large enough, buildable, or have current structures suitable for housing. HSD continues to review the parcels and how to refine the residential options.

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.**

9:28

John Serketich motioned to move to closed session, seconded by Michelle Goggins. Roll call vote, all ayes. Committee entered closed session at 9:30 am, returned to open session at 9:49.

8. **Adjournment**

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, October 4, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.**

Motion: Michelle Goggins moved to adjourn meeting at 9:49 a.m. Seconded by Julie Anderson.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Recorded September 20, 2021

Nicole Jurgens - Office of the Corporation Counsel