

Racine County Ch 980 Committee
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Ave
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium
Sturtevant, WI 53177
Monday, October 25, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting attended by: Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich, 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, DOC Corrections Field Supervisor Nancy Ahler, Scott Timm from Wisconsin Department of Health Services (“DHS”), and Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson.

1. Convene meeting

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John P. Serketich.

2. Public Comments

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

3. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Agenda for October 25, 2021 meeting and Minutes from October 4, 2021 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. Legal updates (Office of Corporation Counsel)

Legal Updates: 9:11 a.m.

Daniel Williams

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. In Wisconsin Court of Appeals District II Case No. 2020AP2074, which is the matter related to Judge Wynne P. Laufenberg’s order granting Mr. Williams’ Motion to Compel, the Court of Appeals granted appellate counsel for Mr. Williams’ subsequent request to extend the time limit to file a response brief, so that brief is now due on November 1, 2021.

Hung Tran

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. The Court sua sponte scheduled review hearing on November 1, 2021 at 3:00PM for Mr. Tran under Racine County Case No. 2004CI03. Attorneys from the Office of Corporation Counsel will attend that hearing pursuant to the Court’s specific request for them to attend that hearing notwithstanding the County not being a party to that case.

Dennis Yarber:

Committee continues to search for suitable housing. Like Mr. Tran, the Court sua sponte scheduled a review hearing for Mr. Yarber under Racine County Case No. 2014CI02 also on November 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM. Attorneys from the Office of Corporation Counsel will also attend that hearing pursuant to the Court's specific request for them to attend that hearing notwithstanding the County not being a party to that case.

Jamerrel Everett

Committee continues to search for suitable housing.

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

9:15 a.m.

Ms. Goggins did not have an updated report from HSD regarding their evaluation of residential properties, but HSD has continued to evaluate properties sent by Ms. Christman.

Ms. Christman provided the following updates regarding the total number of properties that were sent to HSD for evaluation as of October 22, 2021:

- **MLS Listings**
 - 10-04-2021: 19 single family, 3 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 25)
 - 10-05-2021: 27 single family, 2 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
 - 10-06-2021: 35 single family, 4 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 40)
 - 10-07-2021: 31 single family, 3 two-family, 2 multi-family, and 4 condos (total: 40)
 - 10-08-2021: no list was sent
 - 10-11-2021: 25 single family, 1 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 28)
 - 10-12-2021: 26 single family, 1 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 27)
 - 10-13-2021: 35 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 1 condo (total: 39)
 - 10-14-2021: 34 single family, 0 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 37)
 - 10-15-2021: 29 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 0 condos (total: 33)
 - 10-18-2021: 22 single family, 4 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 28)
 - 10-19-2021: 19 single family, 5 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 28)
 - 10-20-2021: 26 single family, 2 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 32)
 - 10-21-2021: 30 single family, 3 two-family, 1 multi-family, and 3 condos (total: 37)
 - 10-22-2021: 28 single family, 5 two-family, 0 multi-family, and 2 condos (total: 35)
- **Grand total: 461**
 - **386 single family**
 - **38 two-family**
 - **9 multi-family**
 - **28 condos**
- Ms. Christman further reported that because the Committee now receives a daily comprehensive report of properties from the MLS database, she has stopped gathering property data from wihomes.com as

that website is a secondary and less accurate source for the same MLS data.

- GIS Mapping Tool
 - There were no updates to the GIS mapping tool.

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

9:16 a.m.

Mr. Timm confirmed that DHS does not have any formal data regarding the amount of time that committees in other counties have taken to successfully identify a residential option, but that he could share that based on his experience, other committees are generally exceeding the 120-day statutory deadline. The Committee further discussed that comparable counties, like Kenosha, seem to have experienced the same difficulties in locating and securing properties. In some cases, other committees have also gone a year or more without a residential option being identified or approved.

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.**

9:18 a.m.

Attorney Motsch motioned to move to closed session. Seconded by Michelle Goggins. Roll call vote, all ayes. Committee entered closed session at 9:20 am, returned to open session at 9:59 am.

8. **Return to Regular Session.**

10:00 am : Michelle Goggins moved to approve housing for Mr. Williams at 6055 McHenry Street, Burlington, Wisconsin. Seconded by Julie Anderson. All ayes, no nays. Office of the Corporation Counsel will submit a report to DHS identifying that property and will also file a copy with the Court under Racine County Case No. 1995CF1197.

9. **Adjournment**

Next meeting scheduled for: **Monday, November 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion: Julie Anderson moved to adjourn meeting at 10:02 a.m. Seconded by Michelle Goggins.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Recorded October 25, 2021

Nicole Jurgens - Office of the Corporation Counsel