



Memorandum

To: HED Work Group Members

From: Olivia Parry

Date: June 1, 2006

RE: HED Work Group Voting Procedure

HED Work Group,

In an attempt to figure out how to move the HED decision making process along more rapidly, I reviewed several documents from 2003 to clarify the consensus model that HED originally agreed upon. The documents I reviewed included the minutes from 9/23/03, and the Dane County Comprehensive Plan Consensus Document created and distributed by the Steering Committee in July of 2003 (both attached).

After reviewing this material, and considering the tasks we have left in both the housing and economic development portion of our work, and that we are far behind the other work groups - we will follow the previously outlined and agreed upon process:

- 1) Whoever is blocking the policy is now required to provide an alternative they can live with and/or be part of the development of the alternative policy
- 2) As stated, HED has been charged with bringing consensus decisions to the Steering Committee. If there is a good faith effort to provide an alternative and come to consensus, I will extend debate of each policy from five to eight minutes.
- 3) If after 8 minutes consensus on an alternative policy is not reached, then the last agreed upon version of the policy that was presented (May 16, 2006 document material), will stand, and be forwarded to the Steering Committee. The person that originally blocked the vote, as well as any others that object to the policy, will be allowed to enter their names in the record to that effect.

In other words:

- 1) If you have blocked a policy you must provide an alternative that you can live with that indicates a good faith effort to achieve consensus
- 2) ALL HED Work Group participants must come PREPARED with policy suggestions that could lead to consensus!

The documents attached state:

- 1) "The HED Work Group's responsibility is to bring consensus decisions to the Steering Committees"
- 2)"Anyone who blocks a vote must be involved in developing an alternative they can live with"
- 3) If, after an alternative is developed and it is blocked again, the policy gets passed along with all the other policies to the Steering Committee – and if the person would like to go on record as voting against it, their name can be entered into the record
- 4) There is also a description of the "finger" system which describes to what degree the person agrees/disagrees with the policy (we will not use this part of the process)