

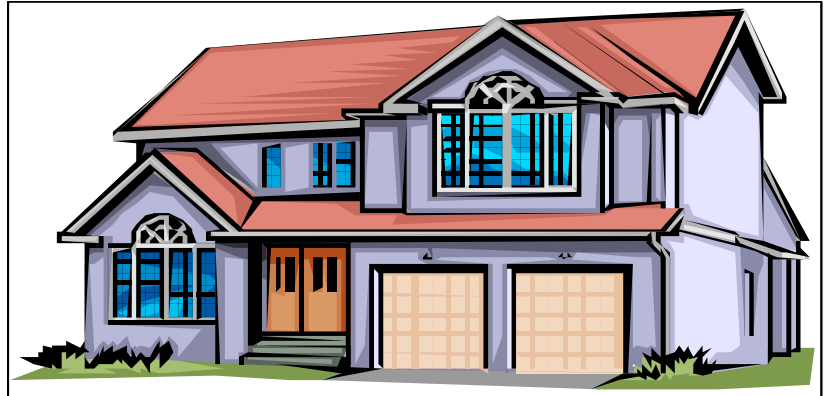
Advisory Committee Reviews Housing Element

On Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., the Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee convened for their regular monthly meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Housing Element of the *Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan*. OMNNI Associates facilitated the meeting.

The meeting began with OMNNI distributing a DRAFT copy of the Housing Element chapter of the town plan to all committee members. This DRAFT chapter was developed by OMNNI as a starting point for addressing the town's housing issues. (A copy of this chapter is provided under the Draft Plan Chapters Link on this web page.) The chapter includes:

- The vision finalized by the committee in 2001;
- An inventory describing the condition of the existing housing supply;
- A discussion related to future housing needs; and
- A series of goals and objectives.

Due to the fact that several pieces of 2000 U.S. Census data are not yet available, several portions of the DRAFT chapter are yet to be completed. The information needed is scheduled to be released by the U.S. Census Bureau by September of this year. At that time, OMNNI will update the Housing Element Chapter to include this new information.



Much of the discussion about the Housing Element related to the population projections for the town in 2020. At this time there are several sources of data available to project the town's future population. However, there are discrepancies between the figures depending upon the methodology used in the calculations and the degree to which annexation by the City of Oshkosh is considered. Therefore, the committee has asked OMNNI to develop some additional population projections for the committee to consider. This information will be provided to the committee in March, at the next committee meeting OMNNI Associates will attend. Population projections are important because they will be used to determine future housing need and future land use development patterns in the town.

During the meeting the Advisory Committee also discussed at length the goals and objectives included in the DRAFT Housing Element Chapter. Several changes were suggested to better reflect local priorities.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, OMNNI asked the committee to complete the following at their next regular committee meeting scheduled for February 21, 2002:

- Consider additional goals and objectives to include in the Housing Element;
- Identify any questions related to the supply of existing housing that the DRAFT chapter has not (or will not answer after all census data is available); and
- Provide milestone dates for the objectives which will be used as a target date to measure progress in implementing the plan.

For additional information on the planning program, please contact any committee member, or Bill Elman or Amy Emery of OMNNI at 1-800-571-6677 or via e-mail from this web page.

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