

Advisory Committee Making Steady Progress on Comprehensive Plan: Population Projection Figures Approved

On Thursday, May 16, 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 threefold:

- 1) To Finalize the Population Projections for the Town through 2020;
- 2) To Recap Proposed Changes to the Transportation Element; and
- 3) To Review the DRAFT Utilities and Community Facilities Element.

OMNNI Associates facilitated the meeting. Kristi Bales, Principal Planner for the City of Oshkosh, attended on behalf of the City.

To commence the meeting, OMNNI announced that the U.S. Census Bureau has released the updated Census information. In the coming weeks, OMNNI will use that information to update the Community Profile Chapter and Housing Chapter of the *Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan*. (The updated chapters will be posted on this web page.)

Next, OMNNI presented the final population projections for the Town to consider. These modified projections address the recommendation by the committee to account for the population losses associated with the major institutions that have been annexed. A complete copy of all the projections considered will be provided as an appendix to the plan. The final population projections for the Town of Oshkosh through 2020 are:

YEAR	POPULATION PROJECTION
2005	2,648
2010	2,493
2015	2,338
2020	2,183

At this point, OMNNI spent some time reviewing the committee's proposed changes to the Transportation Element. A few of the proposed deletions would have made the plan non-compliant with the Smart Growth Law. After much discussion, the revisions were agreed to. (A revised copy of the Transportation Element is posted on this web page).

The rest of the meeting was spent presenting the DRAFT Utilities and Community Facilities Element. This DRAFT chapter was developed by OMNNI as a starting point for addressing the town's utilities and community facilities 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 utilities and community facilities;
- A discussion related to future utilities and community facilities needs and issues; and
- A series of goals and objectives.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, OMNNI asked the committee to complete the following tasks at their next regular committee meeting scheduled for June 20, 2002:

- Review the DRAFT Utilities and Community Facilities Element chapter and provide any comments related to the inventory information and key issues;
- Consider additional goals and objectives to include in the Utilities and Community Facilities Element; and
- Review and mark and proposed changes to the Transportation and Utilities and Community Facilities Maps.

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