

Committee Members:

Frank Comunale (Chair) __P__
Ilene Shapiro (Vice Chair) _P__
Tim Crawford __P__
Sandra Kurt __P__
Paula Prentice __P__
Bill Roemer __P__
Cazzell Smith __P__

Scheduled Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 5:12 p.m.

County of Summit

Long Term Planning Committee Minutes

March 28, 2011

***The Abandoned and Vacant Property Planning Committee presented a progress report to the Long Term Planning Committee.**

Cazzell Smith introduced the members of the Committee.

Donna Skoda (Goal 1): Briefly discussed pulling a number of databases on one card to dig up data on a property card. The group found that a centralized database is very expensive. They will be reconvening their committee.

Judge Fish (Goal 2): Goal 2 was focused on enforcement and the creation of a Housing Court. This would be a specialized docket. The group will soon travel to Dayton to visit their Housing Court.

Connie Krauss (Goal 3): The group found that there is little money and resources for the prevention of abandoned and vacant properties. Most of the money is used to clean up the mess after the property is foreclosed upon and abandoned. The group advocated using funds in a more creative way.

Christopher Norman (Group 4): This group is looking at alternative uses for the vacant properties. They are looking at resource based initiatives and mentioned Kent State's collaboration with Cleveland. There are a number of options that could be tailored to fit Summit County's needs.