

League of Women Voters

**Kane County Government
Monitoring Committee Report**

MEETING: Property Maintenance Advisory Committee

DATE: January 16, 2007 _____ REPORTING: Hal Cattron

ATTENDING: **Gerry Jones** (Chairman of Public Health Committee)
Cathy Hurlbut (Chairman of County Development Committee)
Abby Schuler (1st Ward Alderman, City of Aurora)
Scott Roscoe (Member-Northeast Neighbors Group, Aurora Township)
Sue Harney (Dundee Township Supervisor)
Sharon Gorrell (Real Estate Sector)
Fred D'Escoto (Architectural Services)
Steve Pistick (Farm Burea/Rural Property Interests)

Staff

Mark VanKerkhoff
Fred Carlson
Mollie Millen
Mark Anderson (City of Aurora)

In audience – James Murphy (Aurora Township Supervisor)

ABSENT: John Noverini (Chairman of Finance/Budget Committee) _ Ken Shepro

WAS PRESS IN ATTENDANCE: Beacon and Daily Herald

DID PRESS COVER SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: Article in Daily Herald

SUMMARY OF MEETING: First meeting of this committee. The concerns are primarily about properties that are in the county, but next door or across the street from property that is inside a city. The property in the county is not required to meet the same standards as the property in the city. The concern is how to satisfy the city residents without putting an onerous burden on properties that are truly rural or in smaller villages, where the citizens are used to a different standard. Agricultural operations are exempt under state law. The current discussion seems to mostly be about Aurora, but could also apply to Elgin and possibly the other cities along the river.

COMMENTS/NOTES: This issue seems to relate to Aurora. I believe that state law gives townships the power to establish Zoning and property inspection. I wonder if this issue shouldn't be handled by Aurora Township Government instead of the County.

NEXT MEETING: _____