Minutes for Medina Ridgeway Shelby Consolidation Study Committee
18 January 2011
6:30 PM

Note taker: Ann Webster Bunch

Meeting came to order at 6:35 PM.
Present were: Nathan Pace, Ann Bunch, Vicki Brown (CGR), Charles Zettek (CGR),
Charlie Slack, Adam Tabelski, Andrew Meier, Larry Fox, Jeff Toussaint, Nelda Callard,
Patty Blackburn, Gary Blackburn, Ken Schaal, Don Colquhoun

Charles Zettek of CGR began the meeting with an overview of subcommittee reports.
The purpose of this meeting was not to talk about how these subcommittee reports fit
together – that is for the next meeting (February 16, 6:30 PM). He instead gave a big
picture view of each report, with specifics to be addressed by subcommittee members (if
needed).

Five subcommittees were established, they were: (1) Economic Development, (2) Police,
(3) DPW, (4) Fire/Ambulance, and (5) Building Usage. The subcommittees determined
that some options for consolidation do not make sense given tax and service impacts and
other details specific to the village and towns being considered. They are:
      1. Dissolve Village, leaving 2 Towns intact
      2. Keep the Village as a whole, combine 2 Towns

Viable options are still:
      1. Heightened, shared services: i.e., 3 governments work together through
         intermunicipal agreements
      2. Consolidation of all 3 governments into a single entity
         a. Either as a Town
         b. Or as a City
Recommendations based on (subcommittees considering/focusing upon):
      1. Cost efficiencies
      2. Community benefits

Specific Subcommittee Reports were then reviewed in more detail. With regard to the
Economic Development Subcommittee, Charlie Slack made a motion to send a memo to
the state outlining any questions the full committee may have about the impact on the
NCWD agreement under a consolidated government model. Nathan Pace seconded the
motion.

Questions that came up during the detailed review of reports were addressed by CGR
representatives or subcommittee members. A more in depth discussion of subcommittee
reports will be held during our next meeting, Feb. 16 at 6:30 PM.