

**City of La Porte
Comprehensive Plan Update
Steering Committee**

Minutes of November 12, 1998

Members Present: Roy Baldwin, Deotis Gay, Peter Griffiths, Pat Muston, Chester Pool, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters

Members Absent: David Brady, Barbara Jenks, Martha Love, Brian Moore, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Gary Wigginton, John Paul Zemanek

City Staff Present: John Joerns, Doug Kneupper, Peggy Lee

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

II. Administer Oath of Office to Committee Members David Brady, Peter Griffiths, Barbara Jenks, Steve Valerius, and John Paul Zemanek.

Peggy Lee administered the Oath of Office to Steve Valerius (Peter Griffiths attended the meeting but was not present for the Oath of Office.)

III. Consider Approval of November 5, 1998, Minutes.

A motion was made by Pat Muston to approve the November 5, 1998, Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chester Pool. All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. Discuss Assets, Issues, Improvements and Priorities Noted During the October 27, 1998, Community Forum.

Bret Keast, of Wilbur Smith Associates, led the Commission in discussions regarding the issues noted during the community forum.

V. Discuss Preparation of Goals and Objectives.

The Committee assigned the following goals and objectives:

Drainage

Goal: Explore creative uses of drainage water.

Objective 1: Create aesthetic/recreation uses with detention ponds.

Objective 2: Storage for fire protection.

Objective 3: Collect and treat prior to releasing; environmental protection; EPA guidelines (NPDES).

Objective 4: Comply with TNRCC regulations regarding non-point source pollution.

Objective 5: Acquire property for retention ponds.

Objective 6: Irrigation of public lands, i.e. parks.
Act. Lomax area; also see issues.

Goal: Design drainage facilities for safety.

Objective 1: Evaluate existing conditions.

Objective 2: Research other city's programs.

Objective 3: Standards for entry/exit facilities.

Goal: Public awareness – drainage goes to bay.

Objective 1: Education program

Act. Stencil storm drainage.

Goal: Public Health

Objective 1: Programs for mosquito control.

Water

Goal: Quality of drinking water; SE water purification plant; C of H plant;
10% groundwater.

Objective 1: Treat to standards; water quality.

Objective 2: Coordinate/oversight over water plant.

Objective 3: Capacity vs. growth; expansion last to 2030.

Objective 4: Continue monitoring.

Objective 5: Codes; back flow preventer.

Goal: Adequate water pressure.

Objective 1: Ensure sufficient wells and pumps (location).

Maintenance – ongoing and continuous.

Goal: Water Conservation

Objective 1: Conservation plan; water saving devices, codes.

Objective 2: Education/outreach program – credits.

Objective 3: Response to repairs/leaks.

Goal: Long Range Water Supply

Goal: Adequate Infrastructure

Objective 1: Fire hydrants – spacing.

Goal: Adequate Capital Funding

Wastewater

Goal: Prevent Infiltration

- Objective 1: Comply with codes.
- Objective 2: Rehabilitation program.
- Objective 3: Ongoing maintenance

Goal: Utilize effluent rather than releasing to bay.

- Objective 1: Irrigate lands, i.e. golf course, parks, etc.
- Objective 2: Assure maximum achievable quality of effluent treatment prior to discharge.

Goal: Ensure adequate capacity.

- Objective 1: Project population growth and capacity needs.
- Objective 2: Adequate space for expansion – buffering.
- Objective 3: Prevent infiltration.
- Objective 4: Conserve water; conserve wastewater.
- Objective 5: Regulate use of system; dumping.
- Objective 6: Adequate sizing of infrastructure.

Goal: Prevent Overflows.

- Objective 1: Adequate sizing.
- Objective 2: Well/lift station capacities.
- Objective 3: Infiltration.

Goal: Adequate capital funding.

Lighting

Goal: Adequate street lighting.

- Objective 1: Assess existing conditions.
- Objective 2: Maintain existing lighting.
- Objective 3: Replacement program; energy efficient (mercury-sodium).
- Objective 4: Public awareness – who to call.
Act. North side.

Goal: Lighting of public buildings/facilities – safety.

- Act. motion detectors.
- Act. Sylvan Beach.

Goal: Aesthetic treatment considerations.

- Objective 1: Ornamental lighting in key areas; hotel/motel tax.
- Objective 2: HL&P – decorative in subdivisions; coordinate with HL&P; maintain street poles.

Goal: Coordination with State, County, HL&P & School District.

Objective 1: Regular methods.

The Committee will continue to assign goals at the next meeting.

VI. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates.

The committee agreed to meet again in the Council Chambers at 7:00 PM on November 16th, Other meetings were previously scheduled for November 30th, and December 7th.

VII. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee
Secretary
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 30th day of November, 1998.

Steve Valerius
Chairperson
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee