

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

Minutes of November 16, 1998

Members Present: David Brady, Deotis Gay, Pat Muston, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters, Gary Wigginton

Members Absent: Roy Baldwin, Peter Griffiths, Barbara Jenks, Martha Love, Brian Moore, Chester Pool, John Paul Zemanek

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

I. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

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

Peggy Lee administered the Oath of Office to David Brady.

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

Mr. Kneupper led the Commission in discussions regarding the issues noted during the community forum.

IV. Discuss Preparation of Goals and Objectives.

The Committee assigned the following goals and objectives:

Health/Human Services

Goal: Address Drug Problem (City-Wide)

Objective 1: Program through Police & School.

Objective 2: Partnership with State & Federal agencies.

Objective 3: Community involvement through civic organizations.

Objective 4: Create awareness.

Goal: Provide Services for Seniors.

Objective 1: Identify needs.

Objective 2: Encourage independent/assisted living.

Objective 3: Community Service Program

Objective 4: Facilitate transportation services.

Goal: Provide for citizens with disabilities.

Objective: Identify needs.

Objective: Increase handicap accessibility.

Objective: Develop work programs.

Goal: Provide for disadvantaged families.

Objective: Identify needs.

Objective: Seek County, State, Federal support for local initiative.

Objective: Support Neighborhood Center.

Objective: Identify and publicize available programs.

Goal: Access to emergency healthcare.

Objective: Encourage development of hospital.

Goal: Provide protection for citizens.

Objective: Assure adequate protection.

Objective: Identify areas needing protection.

Objective: Consider other forms of patrol.

Goal: Communication between citizens and Police Dept.

Objective: Continue relationship between citizens and Police Dept.

Objective: Citizens Police Academy

Objective: Encourage officers at school campuses.

Objective: Top 10 enforcement list from citizens.

Goal: Maintain well qualified, trained Police Department.

Objective: Create ethnic diversity.

Objective: Ensure adequate funding.

Emergency Preparedness/Response

Goal: Investigate effectiveness of warning system.

Goal: Assure protection of citizens.

Objective: Increase participation in LEPC.

Objective: Maintain proper warning system.

Objective: Educate citizens (evacuation route) (warning).

Objective: Well marked evacuation routes.

Objective: Provide adequate emergency shelters.

Goal: Provide adequate response/clean-up.

Objective: Maintain appropriate plans and rehearse.

Quality Government

- Goal: Accountable and responsible City Government.
Objective: Citizens to have open access to government.
- Goal: Assure Overall Community Equity.
Objective: Encourage participation from all areas of community.
- Goal: Assure City services are provided in user-friendly manner.

Refuse

- Goal: Maintain effective collection system.
Objective: Curbside recycling – evaluate cost/benefit.
Objective: Ensure adequate landfill space.
Objective: Maintain adequate heavy trash pick-up.
- Goal: Improve aesthetics of pick-up system.
Objective: Screen dumpsters.
Objective: Enforce ‘trash-out-early’ ordinance.

Fire/EMT/EMS

- Goal: Continue to provide superior services.
Objective: Build new fire stations.
Objective: Train personnel.
Objective: Periodically evaluate volunteer ratio.
Objective: Maintain coordination with other agencies (CIMA, CAER, Harris Co., surrounding cities).

Non-vehicular Infrastructure

- Goal: Provide safe facilities.
Objective: Sidewalks and bike lanes (design).
Objective: Adequate lighting
Objective: Adequate school crosswalks and others as needed.
Objective: Provide adequate maintenance.
Objective: Explore funding (State & Federal).
Objective: Work with Harris County & TXDOT on their systems.

Vehicular Infrastructure

- Goal: Provide adequate street system.
Objective: Construct all streets to approved standards.
Objective: Designed for durability and low maintenance.
Objective: Study need for traffic signals and turning lanes.

Health/Safety

Goal:

Public Buildings

Goal: Provide adequate facilities to support services.

Objective: New police station.

Objective: New EOC.

Objective: New fire station(s)

Objective: More library space/new library

Objective: Parks and Recreation youth activity facility.

Goal: Attract tourism and convention industry.

Objective: Support development of hotel/convention center.

Objective: Outdoor theater center

V. Adjourn

The next meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 1998.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 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