

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

**Minutes of November 30, 1998**

**Members Present:** Roy Baldwin, Deotis Gay, Peter Griffiths, Martha Love, Brian Moore, Pat Muston, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters, Gary Wigginton

**Members Absent:** David Brady, Barbara Jenks, Chester Pool, John Paul Zemanek

**City Staff Present:** Doug Kneupper, Peggy Lee

**I. Call to Order.**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

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

Oath of Office administered to Peter Griffiths by Peggy Lee.

**III. Consider Approval of November 12, 1998, Minutes.**

Motion by Pat Muston to approve the November 12, 1998, Minutes. Second by Martha Love. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**IV. Consider Approval of November 16, 1998, Minutes.**

Motion by John Tomerlin to approve the November 16, 1998, Minutes. Second by Gary Wigginton. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**V. 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.

**VI. Discuss Preparation of Goals and Objectives.**

The Committee assigned the following goals and objectives:

### Parks and Recreation/Beautification

#### Facilities:

Goal: Provide adequate park facilities for all areas of La Porte.

Objective 1: Develop Master Parks Plan.

Objective 2: Acquire land.

Objective 3: Develop pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Objective 4: Maintain/upgrade civic centers.

Goal: Increase beach access

Objective 1: Work with Harris County to improve boat launch.

Objective 2: Create boardwalk along shore.

Objective 3: Create marina/boat slips.

Objective 4: Study potential for breakwater and beach construction.

Objective 5: Provide adequate lighting

Goal: Provide youth programs.

Objective 1: After school programs – expand.

Objective 2: Provide better organization and coordination.

Objective 3: Provide better advertisement of existing programs.

Objective 4: Encourage YMCA facility.

### Recreation

Goal: Encourage private recreation development.

Objective 1: Bowling alley

Objective 2: Skating rink

Objective 3: Movie theater

Objective 4: Indoor multi-sport facility.

### Aesthetics

Goal: Create attractive entrances.

Objective 1: Create landscaped buffer areas.

Objective 2: Provide attractive promotional signs.

Goal: Create attractive business signs.

Objective 1: Review/update sign ordinance.

Objective 2: Create guidelines for standard signs.

Goal: Improve community character.

Objective 1: Enhance visual aesthetics.

Objective 2: Promote clean-up/maintenance of subdivisions and neighborhoods.

Objective 3: Enforcement of City ordinances.

Objective 4: Require additional landscaping.

Objective 5: Business/residential yard of the month.

Goal: Create/improve City's regional image.

Objective 1: Advertise

Objective 2: Create attractive website.

### Development

Goal: Encourage waterfront development.

Objective 1: Promote hotel, restaurant, conference center, marina.

Objective 2: Encourage high-rise multi-family dwellings.

Objective 3: Maximize economic value of bayfront property (r.o.w.)

### Housing

Goal: Encourage rehabilitation of older neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Use of subsidies.

Objective 2: Remove substandard/abandoned structures.

Objective 3: Enforcement of occupancy codes and building standards.

Goal: Encourage broader market of housing product.

Objective 1: Use of zoning and development restrictions.

Objective 2: Encourage developers to build in La Porte.

### Retail Industry

Goal: Encourage retail development.

Objective 1: Mall

Objective 2: Another grocery store.

### Healthcare

Goal: Provide quality healthcare.

Objective 1: Develop state-of-art emergency care hospital.

Objective 2: Develop facilities for elderly.

**VII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Gary Wigginton. Chairperson Valerius adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1998.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee