

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

Minutes of December 7, 1998

Members Present: David Brady, Deotis Gay, Peter Griffiths, Martha Love, Pat Muston, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters, Gary Wigginton

Members Absent: Roy Baldwin, Barbara Jenks, Brian Moore, Chester Pool, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, John Paul Zemanek

City Staff Present: Robert T. Herrera, John Joerns, Doug Kneupper, Masood Malik, 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 Barbara Jenks and John Paul Zemanek.

Not present.

III. Consider Approval of November 30, 1998, Minutes.

Motion by Martha Love to approve the November 30, 1998, Minutes. Second by Pat Muston. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Kneupper and Ann Bagley 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:

Environment

Goal: Maintain air quality.

Objective 1: Reduce odors.

Objective 2: Work with TNRCC on permitting criteria.

- Objective 3: Work with industry on ways to minimize pollution.
- Objective 4: Plant Manager's network
- Objective 5: Citizen Advisory Council
- Objective 6: C.A.E.R. program
- Objective 7: Tree planting program
- Objective 8: More aggressive with existing outreach programs.

Goal: Manage plant noise pollution.

- Objective 1: Identify and abate sources of noise pollution.
- Objective 2: Identify where sound walls would be effective.
- Objective 3: Work with Port of Houston Authority on both Barbour's Cut and Bayport.

Circulation

Goal: Assure pedestrian and vehicle safety by control of vehicle speed.

- Objective 1: Explore traffic calming programs.
- Objective 2: Capitalize on DOT program and truck inspection.
- Objective 3: Continue and expand sidewalk program.
- Objective 4: Identify locations for new sidewalks.
- Objective 5: Identify locations and install crosswalks.
- Objective 6: Maintain pavement markings.
- Objective 7: Install state of the art traffic signals at appropriate locations.
- Objective 8: Install modern school zone signs/signals.
- Objective 9: Provide bike lanes on thoroughfares.

Public Transportation

Goal: Establish a regional and local transportation system.

- Objective 1: Define needs.
- Objective 2: Develop alternatives.
- Objective 3: Explore and participate in partnerships with other public and private entities.
- Objective 4: Facilitate and develop park and ride facility.
- Objective 5: HOV on SH 225.
- Objective 6: Develop/facilitate regional cab service privately owned and operated.
- Objective 7: Encourage La Porte Airport development (maintain quality).

Land Use

Goal: Balance of residential, commercial, industrial and recreation uses in La Porte.

Objective 1: Encourage commercial development that is consistent with zoning.

Objective 2: Protect neighborhoods.

Objective 3: Minimize industrial impacts on residential and recreation uses (provide buffers).

Objective 4: Annex strip south of Fairmont Parkway.

Objective 5: Identify other potential areas for buffers (SH 225, Barbour's Cut.)

Objective 6: Update Zoning Ordinance and Map.

VI. DISCUSS UPCOMING MEETING DATES.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 14, 1999.

VII. ADJOURN

Chairperson Valerius adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee
Secretary
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 14th day of January, 1999.

Steve Valerius
Chairperson
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee