

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

**Minutes of May 13, 1999**

**Members Present:** Deotis Gay, Martha Love, Pat Muston, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters

**Members Absent:** Roy Baldwin, David Brady, Peter Griffiths, Brian Moore, Chester Pool, John Paul Zemanek

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

**I. Call to Order.**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

**II. Consider Approval of April 21, 1999, Minutes.**

Motion by Martha Love to approve the April 21, 1999, Minutes. Second by John Tomerlin. All were in favor and the motion passed. Deotis Gay was not present for the vote.

**III. Receive Citizen Comments.**

Kathleen France, representing the Main Street Association, thanked the Committee for the time they had dedicated to putting together a good plan. Ms. France noted there were some concerns among the Main Street merchants regarding parking.

**IV. Review Beautification and Conservation Element.**

Bret Keast distributed copies of Figure 10-1 "Corridors and Gateways" and led the review of the Beautification and Conservation Element with the Committee. The following changes, additions, and deletions were suggested to the draft document:

Page 10-16: Add a section under "Downtown La Porte" to address parking concerns.

Objective 10.1a

Change Action 2: Add "proactively" pursue...

Objective 10.1c

Add section addressing creation of a Historic Corridor.  
Add section addressing enhancement of "five corners".

Objective 10.1e

Change Action 3: Add "such as Bay Area Boulevard" into the Capital...

Objective 10.2a

Change Action 3: Add "for new development" to increase the width...

Objective 10.2c

Change Action 1: Add "With the exception of Historic Downtown Main Street and other constrained environments", amend the City's development...

Objective 10.2c:

Change Action 6: Add: ...parcels as public open space; "For example, the intersection referred to as "five-points".

Objective 10.2e

Change Policy 1: Add verbiage to clarify.

Objective 10.2f

Change Action 2: Add verbiage to clarify.

Objective 10.2h

Change Action 1: Delete "include provisions for" and replace with "require".

Objective 10.2h

Change Action 2: Delete "Establish" and replace with "Continue".

Objective 10.3a

Change Action 1: Add "related to health and risk factors, such as electrical, plumbing, fire, and other related codes".

Objective 10.3a

Change Action 4: Add "for a specified time period" in order to encourage investment...

Objective 10.3a

Add Action 8: The City should attempt to work in cooperation with the school district to create tax breaks.

Objective 10.3d

Change Action 1: Add "and Sylvan Beach" so that it is easy...

Objective 10.3e

Change Action 5: Delete "grant".  
Add in the "City's" Annual Budget.

**V. Review Public Safety Element.**

Mr. Keast introduced Gary Mitchell, of Wilbur Smith Associates. Mr. Mitchell reviewed the Public Safety Element with the Committee. Several items were noted by the Committee:

- ❖ Emphasize La Porte's evacuation route should be west to SH 225 and not via the Fred Hartman Bridge.
- ❖ Educate public on the emergency warning system tones.

Objective 11.1c:

Delete Action 2.

Goal 11.2: Add new action concerning training and preparation for Contingency Plan.

**VI. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates.**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Adjourn.**

Chairperson Valerius adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee