

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

Minutes of June 10, 1999

Members Present: Deotis Gay, Pat Muston, Chester Pool, Imogene Pulleine, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters

Members Absent: Roy Baldwin, David Brady, Peter Griffiths, Martha Love, Brian Moore, John Tomerlin, John Paul Zemanek

City Staff Present: Doug Kneupper, Masood Malik, Carl Crisp, Peggy Lee

I. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

II. Consider Approval of May 13, 1999, Minutes.

Motion by Imogene Pulleine to approve the May 13, 1999, Minutes. Second by Pat Muston. Minutes approved as presented.

III. Receive Citizen Comments.

No citizens addressed the Commission.

IV. Review Redevelopment Strategy.

Before starting with Redevelopment Strategies, Bret Keast discussed future meeting dates with the Commission. Mr. Keast will be getting with Mr. Kneupper to work out dates for the remaining meetings. A revised schedule will be forthcoming.

Gary Mitchell led the review for Redevelopment Strategies. The following changes, additions, and deletions were suggested to the draft document:

Objective 12.1b

Add Action 8:

In addition to annual funds allocated for demolition of buildings, establish a contingency fund for structures requiring immediate demolition resulting from an emergency.

Objective 12.1f

Add Action 7:

Encourage church sponsorship of after school and summer programs while offering advice and guidance to local churches regarding the needs of the City's youth.

Objective 12.2a

Change Policy 1:

Add "through coordinated efforts with the Main Street Association".

Objective 12.2a

Policy 3

Change Action 2: Delete “mini-grant” and replace with “matching grant”.

Objective 12.2b

Policy 1

Add Action 5: Add: The City should work with the Chamber of Commerce to develop and host a merchant’s seminar annually for existing and prospective businesses.

Objective 12.2b:

Policy 3

Add Action 6: Add verbiage for developing a means for marketing the City.

Mr. Mitchell provided everyone a copy of a bill passed during this session of the legislature entitled “Neighborhood Empowerment Zones”.

V. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates.

Mr. Keast will provide an updated schedule and members will be notified of the next meeting date.

VI. Adjourn

Chairperson Valerius adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee
Secretary
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 28th day of July, 1999.

Steve Valerius
Chairperson
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee