

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

**Minutes of November 12, 1998**

**Members Present:** Roy Baldwin, Deotis Gay, Peter Griffiths, Pat Muston, Chester Pool, Steve Valerius, Betty Waters

**Members Absent:** David Brady, Barbara Jenks, Martha Love, Brian Moore, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Gary Wigginton, John Paul Zemanek

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

**I. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairperson Steve Valerius.

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

Peggy Lee administered the Oath of Office to Steve Valerius (Peter Griffiths attended the meeting but was not present for the Oath of Office.)

**III. Consider Approval of November 5, 1998, Minutes.**

A motion was made by Pat Muston to approve the November 5, 1998, Minutes. The motion was seconded by Chester Pool. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Bret Keast, of Wilbur Smith Associates, 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:

**Drainage**

Goal: Explore creative uses of drainage water.

Objective 1: Create aesthetic/recreation uses with detention ponds.

Objective 2: Storage for fire protection.

Objective 3: Collect and treat prior to releasing; environmental protection; EPA guidelines (NPDES).

Objective 4: Comply with TNRCC regulations regarding non-point source pollution.

Objective 5: Acquire property for retention ponds.

Objective 6: Irrigation of public lands, i.e. parks.  
Act. Lomax area; also see issues.

Goal: Design drainage facilities for safety.

Objective 1: Evaluate existing conditions.

Objective 2: Research other city's programs.

Objective 3: Standards for entry/exit facilities.

Goal: Public awareness – drainage goes to bay.

Objective 1: Education program

Act. Stencil storm drainage.

Goal: Public Health

Objective 1: Programs for mosquito control.

## Water

Goal: Quality of drinking water; SE water purification plant; C of H plant; 10% groundwater.

Objective 1: Treat to standards; water quality.

Objective 2: Coordinate/oversight over water plant.

Objective 3: Capacity vs. growth; expansion last to 2030.

Objective 4: Continue monitoring.

Objective 5: Codes; back flow preventer.

Goal: Adequate water pressure.

Objective 1: Ensure sufficient wells and pumps (location).

Maintenance – ongoing and continuous.

Goal: Water Conservation

Objective 1: Conservation plan; water saving devices, codes.

Objective 2: Education/outreach program – credits.

Objective 3: Response to repairs/leaks.

Goal: Long Range Water Supply

Goal: Adequate Infrastructure

Objective 1: Fire hydrants – spacing.

Goal: Adequate Capital Funding

### Wastewater

Goal: Prevent Infiltration

- Objective 1: Comply with codes.
- Objective 2: Rehabilitation program.
- Objective 3: Ongoing maintenance

Goal: Utilize effluent rather than releasing to bay.

- Objective 1: Irrigate lands, i.e. golf course, parks, etc.
- Objective 2: Assure maximum achievable quality of effluent treatment prior to discharge.

Goal: Ensure adequate capacity.

- Objective 1: Project population growth and capacity needs.
- Objective 2: Adequate space for expansion – buffering.
- Objective 3: Prevent infiltration.
- Objective 4: Conserve water; conserve wastewater.
- Objective 5: Regulate use of system; dumping.
- Objective 6: Adequate sizing of infrastructure.

Goal: Prevent Overflows.

- Objective 1: Adequate sizing.
- Objective 2: Well/lift station capacities.
- Objective 3: Infiltration.

Goal: Adequate capital funding.

### Lighting

Goal: Adequate street lighting.

- Objective 1: Assess existing conditions.
- Objective 2: Maintain existing lighting.
- Objective 3: Replacement program; energy efficient (mercury-sodium).
- Objective 4: Public awareness – who to call.  
Act. North side.

Goal: Lighting of public buildings/facilities – safety.

- Act. motion detectors.
- Act. Sylvan Beach.

Goal: Aesthetic treatment considerations.

- Objective 1: Ornamental lighting in key areas; hotel/motel tax.
- Objective 2: HL&P – decorative in subdivisions; coordinate with HL&P; maintain street poles.

Goal: Coordination with State, County, HL&P & School District.

Objective 1: Regular methods.

The Committee will continue to assign goals at the next meeting.

**VI. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates.**

The committee agreed to meet again in the Council Chambers at 7:00 PM on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Other meetings were previously scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee