

**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,

Peggy Lee
Secretary
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 7th day of December, 1998.

Steve Valerius
Chairperson
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee