

**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,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee