

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

**Minutes of April 21, 1999**

**Members Present:** Deotis Gay, Peter Griffiths, Martha Love, Imogene Pulleine, John Tomerlin, Betty Waters

**Members Absent:** Roy Baldwin, David Brady, Brian Moore, Pat Muston, Chester Pool, Steve Valerius, 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 Vice-Chairperson Betty Waters.

**II. Consider Approval of April 7, 1999, Minutes.**

Motion by Martha Love to approve the April 7, 1999, Minutes. Second by Imogene Pulleine. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**III. Receive Citizen Comments.**

There were none.

**IV. Review Residential Development Element.**

Bret Keast led the review of the Residential Development Element with the Committee. The following changes, additions, and deletions were suggested to the draft document:

Objective 9.1a

Change Policy 1: Delete "strive to".

Change Action 4: Delete "Develop" and replace with "Continue".

Objective 9.1b

Change Policy 1: Add "actively" coordinate.

Objective 9.2b:

Add Action 4: Add "Continue to" facilitate volunteer programs....  
Continue to actively support, financially or otherwise, programs such as Habitat for Humanity and other housing programs.

Add Action 5: Develop a public information program to notify citizens of ongoing housing projects.

Objective 9.3b

Change Action 2: Add ...develop standards pertaining to "structural integrity, habitability and" the appearance...

Goal 9.5

Change Action 2: Delete "attractive" and replace with "aesthetically pleasing".

Add "Continue to" enforce housing codes...

Goal 9.6

Add and create livable "and safe" neighborhood...

Change Action 4: Delete "bergs" and replace with "berms".  
Add Action 7: Encourage neighborhood watch programs to create safe neighborhoods.

Objective 9.6b

Change Action 1: Delete "Amend the Zoning Ordinance" and replace with "Continue".

- ❖ Create a rural residential area on the Land Use Map for the Lomax area.
- ❖ Make note on base map that information is based on 1990 census data.
- ❖ Page 3-20, last bullet under "Neighborhood Planning Program": Delete "forum" and replace with "mechanism".

Previously discussed:

Mr. Kneupper distributed copies of Ordinance #98-2287, which repeals references in the Comprehensive Plan recommending the extension of Farrington Boulevard. The ordinance also states that the Comprehensive Plan Study Committee is to recommend whether the project will be included in the City's updated Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Kneupper noted that several staff members dealing with emergency response, and representatives from the school district would like the opportunity to come before the Committee to explain their reasons for favoring the Farrington extension.

Betty Waters and others expressed disappointment to just learn that the ordinance charged the committee with making a recommendation. There was a general consensus of all members present that public input had already been received and that any other interested parties could be heard at the Planning and Zoning Commission level.

**V. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates.**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. Adjourn.**

Motion by John Tomerlin to adjourn. Second by Martha Love. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 13<sup>h</sup> day of May, 1999.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee