

**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,

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Peggy Lee  
Secretary  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

Approved on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999.

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Steve Valerius  
Chairperson  
Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee