

Eastern Edge Plan
Steering Committee Meeting
September 28, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Debuty, Rick Delany, Matt Parrill, Pat Richards, Scott Schmid, and Doug Smith

Others Present

Jeff Briner, Heather Whitmore, and Zachary Balassone

Meeting called into order at 1:10 p.m.

I. Introductions

II. Review Agenda

Heather Whitmore reviewed the plan for the meeting to the members present.

III. Discuss Last Meeting

Doug Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2007 Steering Committee meeting, seconded by Scott Schmid. Motion Carried.

IV. Discuss September 27, 2007 Stakeholder Meeting

Pat Richards reported that 43 people had attended the previous nights meeting, many of them being from neighborhoods, to discuss segments 2, 3, and 4 of the Eastern Edge Plan. There was a discussion among the group members on the concerns of the residents of the corridor. The issues of access management from Bird Rd. to Main St. as well as Burnett Rd. to Main St were expressed to be top concerns. Paul Debuty expressed that road and bridge improvements have attributed to the increased traffic along the corridor, especially in those areas. Scott Schmid added that the CC-STCC is conducting a traffic study in the area, and that Burnett Rd. is a local Hot Spot for angle crashes. The group discussed a possible remedy to the situation being a dedicated turn lane. Paul Debuty and Jeff Briner both expressed the desires of the residents to not pull development out of downtown, but rather to enhance the existing developments, while preserving neighborhoods with better commercial. Heather Whitmore discussed creating development that is at a high standard which would limit the rights of some development wanting to move in, but would provide increased ascetics and value to the area. The group discussed the greenspace across from the Next Edge property and is planning to look into the trust agreement to see what the future use of the property will be. Pat Richards added that creating a higher standard of new business with mixed greenspace will create a more meaningful design for the area. Heather Whitmore also presented the idea of adding a wall along the business areas of the corridor similar to Next Edge to match the existing designs. It would serve as conservation development to create ascetic value with meaningful use. Rick Delany expressed that it would not be possible in Harmony Township

because the businesses are too close to the road to add a wall. Scott Schmid and Paul Debuty talked about the citizen concerns for the light in front of Wal-Mart. They will take further consideration when the transportation study is complete.

V. Review Land Use Mapping

The PAC showed the land use map that they created from the Steering Committee, Stakeholder's Committee, and the citizen recommendations for the first segment of the Eastern Edge Plan.

VI. Adjournment

Rick Delany made a motion to adjourn at 3:09, seconded by Pat Richards. Motion Carried.