

Members Present

Doug Smith, Paul Debuty, Matt Parrill, Pat Richards, and Scott Schmidt

Others Present

Jeff Briner, Shane Farnsworth, and Zachary Balassone

The meeting was called into order at 1:05 p.m.

I. Discuss Last Meeting

David Zak sent out an e-mail resigning from the group. Matt Parrill made a motion to accept David Zak's resignation, seconded by Doug Smith.

There were two sets of minutes to be approved. Doug Smith made motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2007 Steering Committee meeting, seconded by Scott Schmid. Also, Doug Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2007 Steering Committee meeting, seconded by Matt Parrill.

Pat Richards proposed putting an ad in the paper concerning the cancellation of the Stakeholder's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2007.

II. Review Process

Jeff Briner spoke about the Eastern Edge Plan's future status as legislation. He expressed that the plan would first serve as an overlay, not necessarily go right into zoning. Shane Farnsworth added that the plan serves as a recommendation as opposed to a new zoning code. He also stated that the city can adopt it as a new zoning plan, but it should serve as an overlay for the townships because of the flexibility of the city's zoning compared to the structure of county and township zoning. The group discussed the ability to achieve the desired goals of the plan and that it was possible to achieve them through the overlays.

III. Discuss Goals, Objectives, and Policy

The group discussed creating design standards for each individual segment. Shane Farnsworth proposed using something similar to the Ohio National Road Association Design Guidelines Handbook. Pat Richards also brought up using the Community Crossroads program from the county.

A discussion followed on what the purpose of an overlay is. It was explained by Jeff Briner and Shane Farnsworth that it would not change the current zoning, but when the property is re-developed or changes owners, the new development would have to comply with the new development standards. Zoning focuses on uses, but the new development is subject to the overlay, focusing on improving the quality of life.

Paul Debuty proposed breaking down the goals, objectives, and standards by each segment, instead of as a whole.

The group discussed the potential goals for segments one and two.

IV. Adjournment

Matt Parrill made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Bruce Smith.