

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPAC)
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2009

As Approved

Present:

Members: Kate Bedard, Connie Clancy, Mike Fisher, Lucia Foley, Robert Gelinas, Martha Johnson, Dale Johnston, Wendy Kelleher, Jeff Labrecque, Dan Luis, Jesse Lytle, Melissa O'Brien, Kurt Schenker, Martha Terry, Nathan Therien and Linda Young

(Excused: None)

Staff: Juli Beth Hinds - VHB, Inc. and Richard Harris, Town Planner

Liaisons: None

Public: None

Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She welcomed everyone in attendance.

1. Report of Subcommittee Chairs regarding Community Gathering held April 29, 2009

- a. Community Design & Land Use. The subcommittee reported that most of the comments reflected the subcommittee's perspectives. But, they also re-enforced some of the ideas for implementation and the need for stronger enforcement of the existing bylaws. Among the topics re-enforced: concerns about noise, uses; need for Design Review, etc.

The subcommittee also received comments about some of the geographical areas:

- i. Route 202. This is not a clearly defined character. There is a need for Traffic Mitigation studies for this corridor.
 - ii. Alvord Street. Desire to preserve large agricultural areas. But, this area also has a mixture of uses and development activities. Therefore, it does not have a clearly defined character.
 - iii. Route 202/33/116-Multi-family. There is a need to define areas appropriate for this use in these corridors. It should generally be confined to areas where it is currently located.
 - iv. Route 116. The area between White Wing and the high school is particularly difficult to define in terms of character.
- b. Natural Resources, Recreation, and Open Space. The subcommittee also felt that the comments received were not particularly surprising. They reviewed the agricultural vistas and preservation/recreation priorities. The survey results were

particularly helpful. Communication to the public as to the available resources and how to access them is significantly missing.

- c. Cultural and Historical Resources. The subcommittee indicated that they had focused heavily on historical resources and that led to a significant omission relative to cultural resources including the “arts’.

2. Discussion regarding Community Gathering held April 29, 2009

Each of the CPAC members indicated their perspectives on the comments received at the gathering. While most felt disappointed by the turnout, they also indicated that they were generally not surprised by the comments. Communications was a significant aspect of the comments received in at least two areas. Enforcement of bylaws and the need to retain community character were also frequent comments.

3. Discussion regarding structure of Implementation Chapter

Ms. Hinds reviewed the drafts of the Implementation Matrix. She indicated that the VHB, Inc. staff were still working on how to present the vast number of recommendations in a reasonable fashion.

4. Upcoming Events

Ms. Young reported there were no upcoming events scheduled.

5. Minutes of Meetings

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

6. Subcommittee meetings:

- a. **Community Design & Land Use**
- b. **Historic & Cultural Resources**
- c. **Natural Resources, Recreation, & Open Space**

The three subcommittees broke into separate groups to meet and review work on their topics.

7. Adjourn

Motion – Ms. Johnson moved and Ms. Terry seconded the motion to adjourn. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

As Approved

Richard Harris, Recorder