

Comprehensive Land Use Plan Minutes of April 24, 2007, held at the Tomahawk Room at Copley High School.

Attendees: **Jeff Kerr** (Kerr + Boron), **Laura DeYoung** (EnviroScience), **Brent Hendren** (City of Akron Planning), **Dave White** (Summit County Engineer's Office), **Susan DeChant** (Summit County Planning), **Fred Zumpano** (Home Builder's), **Bill Jordan** (Land Conservatory), **Cindy Fink** (Summit Soil & Water), **Bill Frye** (Zoning Commission), **Colleen Ahern** (Zoning Commission), **Patrick Craig** (Zoning Commission), **Mark Wasick** (Zoning Commission), **Jane Scott** (Zoning Commission), **Walter Benson** (Zoning Commission), **Helen Humphrys** (Trustee), **Dale Panovich** (Trustee), **Scott Dressler** (Trustee), **Paul Wilkerson** (Board of Zoning Appeals), **Ed Riegler** (Resident), **Nancy Roesner** (Resident), **Tom Koch** (resident), **Gary Rickel** (Resident), **Jim Nolte** (Resident), **Matt Manteghi** (Resident), **Kim Ferencz** (Zoning Inspector), **Irv Sugerman** (Legal Counsel), **Sue Schultz** (Asst. Zoning Inspector), **Peggy Spraggins** (Township Administrator), **Mark Mitchell** (Service Director), **Mike Mier** (Police Chief), and **Jim Rogers** (Asst. Fire Chief).

Other Attendees: Brad McLean, Nicole Bradley (Summit County Health), Mark Stacy, Kevin Coyne and Mike Stacy.

Absent: Chris Bunch (Land Conservatory), Bob Hasenyager (Summit County Health), Steve Robinson (Schools), Mike Johnson (Metro Parks), Ernest Stein (Zoning Commission) and Janice Marshall (Fiscal Officer).

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m. which immediately followed refreshments.

Administrator Spraggins thanked everyone for attending and stated that this was the biggest and most important issue the Township would undertake this year.

Trustee Panovich thanked Mrs. Spraggins for getting this project underway. Trustee Panovich thanked everyone for their interest in helping the Township tackle this project.

Jeff Kerr stated that he is a Bath resident and his firm is located in Brecksville that works on Land Development, Planning and Landscaping.

Mr. Kerr described the Comprehensive Plan Purpose:

- \*Create a long-term vision for community development and redevelopment.
- \*Engage the community in thoughtful dialog about the path of community change.
- \*Map out strategies and initiatives to achieve community goals.
- \*Provides legal justification for zoning.

Mr. Kerr presented the Comprehensive Plan Process / Time Frame:

- Task 1: Kick-off meeting
- Task 2: Preliminary Information Gathering
- Task 2A: Environmental Study
- Task 3: Community Outreach
- Task 4: Community Visioning Design Workshop
- Task 5: Formulation of Plan Goals and Objectives
- Task 6: Draft Plan Development
- Task 7: Public Hearing
- Task 8: Revisions
- Task 9: Adoption

Table Group Discussion: The Groups worked separately on issues they felt needed to be addressed during this process.

**Quality of Life:**

- 1) City services with country living
- 2) Traffic issue – Montrose area
- 3) Lack of property maintenance in older neighborhoods and vacant residential areas
- 4) Drug activity – hotels in Montrose area
- 5) Good quality of life – lots to offer
- 6) Walking Trails

**Farmland / Open Space:**

- 1) Too expensive to operate
- 2) Township possibly pass levies / easements
- 3) Money is an issue

**Aesthetic Issues:**

- 1) Cleve-Mass. / Copley Road – dress up corridors (trees, flowers)
- 2) Little Farms / Collier / Wright Roads – wetlands, flooding
- 3) Aesthetics in Montrose (sign clutter)
- 4) Density
- 5) Traffic
- 6) Copley Circle aesthetics

**Commercial / Industrial:**

- 1) Identify existing properties zoned for commercial/industrial
- 2) Balance of infrastructure (money)
- 3) Job creation
- 4) Tax base
- 5) Controlled growth

**Environmental:**

- 1) Open Space – protect and preserve
- 2) Wolf Creek Winery
- 3) Hot Spots – Rt. 18 / Medina, Rt. 18 / Akron
- 4) Wolf Creek Watershed / Barberton Reservoir
- 5) Little Farms
- 6) Density vs. sensitivity
- 7) Housing value sustainable

- 8) Housing developments – more theme based
- 9) Zoning – larger lots
- 10) Residential development around public areas
- 11) Would like a community center
- 12) “Better Border Coordination” with surrounding communities

**JEDD Area:**

- 1) Paying income tax without seeing the benefit
- 2) “Better Border Coordination”
- 3) Cleve-Mass. corridor should be office developed
- 4) Protect tax base of schools
- 5) Tax abatements?
- 6) Economic development
- 7) Transitional Zoning
- 8) Copley Circle / Ridgewood Road (mixed uses)
- 9) State Route 18 – signage
- 10) Township vs. City – in terms of control and power
- 11) Copley Circle Area

The members of the Steering Committee were given a map, camera and notebook to take picture and notes of key issues and their likes and dislikes. The members are to bring their cameras to the next meeting.

The next Steering Committee meeting was changed from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Technical Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Fire Station #2.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.