
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPCAC)
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SUMMARY**

Meeting Held Wednesday, December 3, 2013, 7:30 am, at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center

Members Present

- Carrie Templeton
- Greg Manuel
- Mandi Mitchell
- Don Bertrand
- Hector LaSala
- Jerry Prejean
- Tom Meyers
- Virginia Jones
- Tony Tramel
- Bruce Conque
- Alton Trahan
- Marilyn McDonald

- Stephanie Cornay Dugan
- Kam Movassaghi
- Louis Perret
- Jeremiah Supple
- Dr. Joby John
- Mark Mouton
- Beau Bourque
- Mike Hefner
- Flo Meadows
- John Guilbeau
- Tim Supple

Members Absent

- Troy Bergeron
- Jared Bellard
- Andre Mitchell
- Gerd Wuestemann
- Jerrod Olivier
- Mitzi Moss Duhon
- Susannah Malbreaux
- Tad Sebastian
- Mary Jane Bauer

LCG

- Dee Stanley
- Mike Hollier (CPTRT)
- Carlee Alm-LaBar
- Cathie Gilbert
- Steve Oubre (ASW)
- Kevin Blanchard (CPCAC)
- Cecilia Gayle
- Johnny Orgeron
- Jim Parker
- Sara Fawcett Gary

Public

- Adrienne Breaux, AHBA
- Nelson Warner

Media

- Claire Taylor, The Daily Advertiser

WRT

- Silvia Vargas, WRT

1. Welcome – Chair, Kevin Blanchard

2. Action Summary

Don Bertrand made a motion to approve the action summary for the July 25, 2013 meeting. Mandi Mitchell seconded the motion.

MOTION: Don Bertrand

SECOND: Mandi Mitchell

VOTE: 24-0-0-9, Yes: 24, No: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent 9

3. WRT Presentation:

Silvia Vargas of WRT took the committee through the following:

1. Planning Process Update – Silvia updated the committee on where we are in the process and explained the future land use plan.
2. Goal review – Each of the ten elements of the plan and their goals were highlighted.
3. Plan implementation – Chapter 5 is going to be the implementation chapter. The implementation plan will be broken into short term, intermediate and long-range actions.
4. The goals and policies in Chapter 4 – the committee was asked to use the voter pads to determine their top three priority policies – the power point was not set up properly so members had to do a paper ballot. The outcomes should accompany this action summary.
5. UDC – The process of UDC development was outlined.
6. The small area plan process was explained.

Discussion:

Greg Manuel explained that the UDC only implements land use and much of the plan involves other actions.

Tim Supple stressed that there will be more regulations despite this being a policy document.

Louis Perret explained that the committee is asked to dream and we know we live in an anti-tax climate. He also pointed out that we did not want to be like Houston with a porn shop next to River Oaks.

Tim Supple offered that we can raise the monies to pay for what the community wants. He explained that taxation in Louisiana is regressive. He argued that the taxation policy is what is favoring sprawl and it is not in the document. We should tax undeveloped land more than we tax improvements. He argued the plan will encourage gentrification and it will not help the poor and middle class.

Silvia Vargas offered that the committee can recommend reviewing the tax policy while recognizing it is a state law issue.

4. New Business/Old Business – None

5. Public Comments – No public comment

To be approved by the CPCAC