

LEHIGH ACRES COMMUNITY PLANNING CORPORATION
November 10, 2004 MINUTES

Chairman Jim Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Secretary Willard Baker took Roll Call.

Present were:

- o Jim Fleming, Chairman
- o Frank LaRosa, Vice Chairman
- o Willard Baker, Secretary
- o James Mudd, County Planning Liaison
- o John Miller
- o Charlie DiFelice
- o Grace Parish
- o Desmond Barrett
- o Liz Eilf
- o Wayne Elrod
- o Azelma Simmons
- o Colin Feng
- o Keith Richter

Absent were:

- o Ralph Hemingway
- o Carl Snipes

Chairman Jim Fleming gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was so noted that Jim Fleming would issue letters to both Carl Snipes and Ralph Hemingway for unexcused absences. Next meeting would be a call for new members to fill the two positions of the Board.

Jim Mudd introduced Michael Conrad, State Department of Community Affairs. Conrad offered his services and time for Community Visioning. He is out of Tallahassee but will make the effort to assist in any way possible.

ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Michael Conrad from the State Department of Community Development by Jim Mudd
 - a. Michael Conrad offers his services to assist with the Community Visioning process, Conrad is located in Tallahassee but willing to assist in any way possible

- b. Conrad stated - All Citizens need to
 - i. Take responsibility to come-together
 - ii. Reach consensus/agreements
 - iii. Move forward
 - iv. Make the time to attend and assist with the Committee
 - v. Build a working relationship
 - vi. Move forward for the betterment of the Community
- 2. Public Comment, 2-3 Minutes
 - a. Frank Lohlein – stated he had names of many who are interested in being a part of the Planning & Zoning Subcommittee
 - b. Recommended that By-Laws & Incorporation be a priority for this meeting
 - c. Fleming restated – that everyone in the room is part of the Planning Committee
 - i. Planning for the inevitable growth for the future
 - ii. Incorporation or not we need a plan

(MOTION APPROVED (M17) to keep the current make-up of the Board (14 members) without adding additional members by appointment – Unanimous)

- 3. Review and Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the Last Regular Monthly Meeting
- 5. Consideration of the “Permanent Member” request by CAIT and the LA Chamber
 - a. Chamber of Commerce – stated they would like to hold a seat on the Board
 - b. Question of Desmond Barrett previously representing CAIT, Citizens Against Increased Taxes, remaining on the Board since he no longer was an officer or representative of CAIT
 - i. Dr Banyan and the Board all referred back to the original creation of the Board – and that all positions now would be of the general public not representing any particular group or entity

6. Review and Formal Approval of the Subcommittees Agreed Upon at the Retreat

Subcommittee	Chair and Members (as of 11/4/04)
Community Involvement	Grace Parish and Keith Richter
Finance Committee	Colin Feng and Keith Richter
Sidewalks, Bike Paths / Utilities & Infrastructure / Roadways & Public Transportation	Willard Baker and Charlie Difelice (co-chairs)
Parks & Recreation / School Personnel & Youth Activities	Frank LaRosa
Law Enforcement/Public Safety	Pat McDonald and Colin Feng
Architectural Review and Code Enforcement	Bo Turbeville and John McWilliams
Conservation and Beautification	John Miller
Community Healthcare / Charitable and Civic Organizations	Liz Eilf , and Azelma Simmons (co-chairs) Sue LaLeike and Lisa Gohele
Planning/Zoning/Land Use	Wayne Elrod and Desmond Barrett (co-chairs)

(MOTIONS APPROVED (M18 – M26) to accept Subcommittees and chairs as listed
(MOTION APPROVED (M27) to combine Sidewalks, Bike Paths, Utilities, Infrastructure, Roadways & Public Transportation under one subcommittee
(MOTION APPROVED (M28) to combine Community Healthcare & Civic Organizations under one subcommittee
(MOTION APPROVED (M29) brought to the attention of the Board that Colin Feng would be chair of two committees, to have Pat McDonald chair Law Enforcement / Safety Subcommittee

COMMUNITY PLANNING AGENDA:

6. Review and Approval of the Articles of Incorporation
Review and Approval of the By Laws
 - o Desmond Barrett disagreed with the 2/3 to vote out a Board Member, questioned the “no cause”
 - a. Wayne Daltry stated he had a list of (7) seven statutes that could be added in the future for clarification

(MOTION APPROVED (M30) to adopt the Bylaws and Incorporation as currently written (three voted against Barrett, LaRosa, Parish)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open Public Comments on any Subject Relevant to the Authority, Scope and Mission of the Panel (5 Minutes) –

- o How will people be picked for Subcommittees
 - o Subcommittees will be open to all, members will proven by those who actively attend and support the subcommittee
 - Wayne Daltry stated that the School Board would assist the Subcommittees
 - School site locations to be included in the overall plan
- o Frank Lohlein – stated that Barbara Peterson would be a good contact for any Sunshine Law questions
- o Robert Anderson stated that
 - o LACPC was not following the directive of the BOCC (Land Use Plan)
 - Jim Mudd clarified that the Plan needed to include everything – health, civic issues etc.
 - o His group and another were speaking with BOCC to obtain the \$25,000 funds to complete the Land Use Plan
 - o he could not find where it was stated how vacancies of the Board were to be filled
 - The recording secretary stated the information was available in the July 28 meeting minutes
- o Sue LaLeike extended the invitation from the United Way to work with and assist the Board
 - o Agenda postings, meeting notices, etc
- o Fleming concluded expressing his satisfaction that the Board was working so well together, and his desire to see those in the room and others to all be a part of this process

FUTURE ISSUES / MEETING DATES ~ TIMES

- **Dec 8** deadline for applicants to reach Jim Mudd for consideration, vacancy notices to be posted in the papers in the next issues
- **Dec 8** - Proposed Town Hall meeting, Senator Aaronberg and Senator Bennett
 - Urged that members of the Board and concerned citizens attend this meeting
- **Dec 15th** next meeting, location to be decided, to fill the two vacant seats on the Board
- Dec, Date and location to be decided, to divide into groups and have the initial meeting of all Subcommittees
- Jan to be a Visioning Meeting with working Subcommittees

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for the meeting be adjourned - Motion Seconded – Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Karen Adams, Recording Secretary

Note: All handouts, By-Laws, Meeting Minutes, Incorporation, etc are posted on the website,
www.lehighacresplanning.com

and available as hardcopy in the East County Library at the Reference Desk.