

Mooreville Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting Notes

Date / Time: Monday, September 29, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Location: Mooreville Government Center

Attendees: Kathleen Browne, Les Farmer Ann Whaley, Bill Overholser, Perry King, Darrell Brown, Dave Minardo, Angela Kath
EGT: Erin Shane, Scott Burgins, Cory Whitesell, Matt Hopper

Shane began the meeting at 6:35. After reviewing the agenda, she introduced the project sheets, underscoring how they will form the foundation of the implementation tools. Regarding one of the project sheets, Hopper explained the difference between a town and a city.

Shane asked the group for their opinion on the statement that had been provided in the meeting packet. The group agreed to keep the following statement as a draft in progress while adding a quote from Ronald Reagan.

“One of the strength’s of Mooreville is that people still believe in the work ethic here and they emphasize the importance of family.”

- President Ronald Reagan

The Town of Mooreville will preserve its small town character by maintaining quality infrastructure and appearance of the town, with special focus on retaining quality schools, parks and quality of life. Future growth shall be thoughtfully managed and sensitively targeted to areas that have been identified and planned for such proposed uses.

After an introduction, the group started discussing the draft list of goals and objectives. There was some discussion about the countywide economic development group. Some members said the town had more control before they let the countywide group take over, others said the Morgan County Economic Development Corporation was doing a good job. The area may benefit from a new 188-acre business park going on in Hendricks County.

There was also a lot of discussion about how the vitality has been drained from downtown, with Heartland Crossing has drawn away all the retail. “You can’t even buy a pair of dress shoes in town,” a committee member said. “There are subdivisions in town that don’t know about us,” another member said about downtown.

The group agreed on the need to re-position downtown. One said, "I think we need to reinvent ourselves on being a small town destination."

Under the topic of transportation, the group agreed that they are serious about supporting pathways and alternative transportation. For example, a bus route to downtown Indy.

The group decided it needed more time to review the 26 goals and accompanying implementation tools. It also became clear that the group would have to prioritize what it most important, because it would be difficult to muster the resources to tackle all the goals at once.

Shortly after the meeting, SDG sent the committee the following e-mail:

For those of you who were not at the Mooresville Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting this past Monday night – the committee has decided to pare down the list of suggested goals, and to prioritize them for the final comprehensive plan.

We've decided that the best way to do this is for each of the steering committee members to choose their top ten goals. To take this one step further, we would like each member to rank their top ten goals, by providing a list of their top three goals for us to focus on.

We've created a short survey for you to complete that is linked to your project website – also accessible here (Ctrl/click):

<http://www.sdg.us/mocp.php>

Go to the right hand side of the page, under Latest News – the goals survey is the first option.

Please complete the survey no later than Thursday, October 9th. After this date, we will take all of the responses and be able to come back to the next meeting w/ a list of preferred goals, objectives and implementation tools.

We have scheduled our next steering committee meeting for Monday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs training room of the Mooresville Government Center. We are in a critical time right now for the direction of the comp plan - your attendance at these next few meetings is key to make sure we have a balanced agenda going forward.