

Winthrop Comprehensive Planning Committee
September 20, 2010

Meeting opened by Patrice Putman, Chairperson at 7:00 PM

Committee members attending:

Patrice Putman, Andy Wess, Jim Norris, John Callinah, Ken Johnson, Phil Locashio, Harold Burnett

Community members attending:

Margy Knight, Craig Hickman

Thanks to all who have participated in this comprehensive planning process. Much has already been accomplished. The Recreation Committee is up and running. The Historic Society is back in business. Norcross Point again enjoyed a series of Sunday afternoon concerts. A intercommunity trail group has been initiated. We have a new town slogan "We Play Outside" that we think will serve us well both in bringing new businesses to Winthrop and new families. Many are already aware of the new slogan, thanks to both the KJ and Community Advertiser covering it.

All have reviews the comments submitted by the three state agencies (DOT) and by community member, Russ Hazzard. After much discussion, it was felt that the best approach to the comments, given that the Plan was already found by the State Planning Office to be Complete and Consistent, was to have them considered by the appropriate implementing groups going forward. It was felt that the comments could be best addressed with the more thorough discussions available to the implementing committees.

It was suggested that Patrice Putman send a note to the three agencies thanking them for their thoughtful comments and tell them our plan to ask the implementing committees to take them under advisement. Patrice also agreed to send a note to Russ Hazzard to thank him for his thoughtful comments and explain the same process to him.

Andy Wess agreed to provide a draft of the language and has since suggested: "Your comments have been reviewed and considered. Our committee appreciates your offer of technical assistance. We will be pleased to encourage future land use and open space planning committees to consider your suggestions and avail themselves of your technical assistance."

A request was made to have the comments from both the State and the public made a part of the permanent record. In reviewing other Plans, we did not find such comments became part of the Plans themselves. As far as becoming a part of a permanent record, we will defer to Cornell Knight as to how minutes and comments are kept as part of the community history in other areas of the town's work.

Also discussed was the committee's wish to have the top ten priorities printed on a banner of some kind to be hung in the town hall so that it is an easy reminder to all of the town's long-term priorities.

The committee than took a few minutes to consider how to make the most of the new slogan. It was suggested that a good starting point would be a couple of banners that could be moved around the town. A recommendation was made to ask the Council to purchase a banner. Other recommendations were to ask the Chamber and WKEDA to purchase a banner. Another suggestion was to just pass the hat and see if people will donate to buy one.

Margy Knight and Patrice Putman have offered to present to both the Chamber and WKEDA their ideas on how the new slogan can be used to promote economic development in Winthrop.

Submitted by Patrice Putman, Chair, Winthrop Comprehensive Planning Committee
My apologies if I left things out or got anything wrong. Corrections are appreciated