



MEETING SUMMARY

Urban Core Vision Plan Steering Committee
Ed Ball Building
Board Room 825
214 N. Hogan St., 8th floor
Wednesday, May 21, 2008 Time: 6:10 – 8:05 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Cherry Shaw	Louise DeSpain
Edythe Abdullah	Mary Kay O'Rourke
Gail Eubanks	Paul Tutwiler
Jack Meeks	Terry Lorince
Jackie Bevel	Tom Scangarello
Lou Gena Smith	Torin Dailey

STAFF and OFFICIALS

Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Councilman (Dist. 7)
Lisa Ransom
Bill Killingsworth
Brian Small
James Richardson
Adrienne Lathrop

Members Not in Attendance

Carla Foster
Janetta Norman
Jim Gilmore
Johnny Swain
Deloris Swain
Louvenia Tippins
Michael Hartman
Rex Williams

VISITORS

Wiatt Bowers

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.
2. Bill Killingsworth, Community Planning Division Chief, Planning and Development Department, welcomed the meeting attendees and gave a brief overview. The committee was informed of how visioning will directly impact the Future Land Use Map and how important the map is in accommodating our City's expected growth. Infrastructure, transportation and development patterns are some of the issues that should be addressed through community outreach. The committee was informed of their charge to serve as a conduit for the community and encouraged to work closely with their council members throughout the visioning process.
3. All attendees introduced themselves by providing information including their name, interest and who appointed them to the committee. Council Member Gaffney spoke about the significance of the Urban Core Vision Plan and the importance of each committee member's contribution. He also expressed his gratitude for their commitment.

4. Vision Plan consultant, Principal Suria Yaffar, Zyscovich Architects, Inc., gave a presentation of the history, current conditions, and the consulting team's observations of the Urban Core Planning District. *The presentation will be made available online at the following:*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Community+Planning/Visioning.htm>
5. Model bylaws were distributed to the committee. Members unanimously agreed to review the bylaws prior to the next meeting. Changes and adoption of bylaws will be an item for discussion on the agenda at the next meeting.
6. A form was distributed to obtain information about the committee members and their meeting schedule preferences in order to coordinate meeting dates and times that best accommodate the entire membership.
7. Election of a chair was tabled for a future meeting.
8. Sample vision plans were requested to provide the committee with an idea of what to expect as an end product. The coordinator will follow-up with the consultants.
9. One member expressed interest in an Urban Core Planning District tour.
10. The committee agreed to have visioning workshops at the neighborhood level in order to obtain community input and fulfill the Planning and Development Departments' commitment to the citizens in the Urban Core Planning District.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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AS PART OF OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH ENDEAVOR, ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONGOING DISCUSSION GROUP THAT IS HOSTED ON THE ZYSCOVICH WEB SITE AT www.zyscovich.com.

The next Urban Core Vision Plan Steering Committee meeting is to be announced.