

COMPREHENSIVEPLAN

HARRISON COUNTY 2030

Minutes from Steering Committee Meeting

May 29, 2008

In attendance: Patrick Bonck, Kelvin Jackson, Warren Doussan, Angel Middleton, and Andy Balias, Jennifer Cowley, Sarah Landers, and Remya Kumar

Explanation of Citizen Feedback on Comprehensive Plan

58 respondents to survey to date.

153 views of video

6,800 web visits (about 5,000 since plan came out)

Summary of Survey Results

60% support land bank 18% unsure

95% support the farmer's market pavilions

86% support rotating social services

79% want a recycling calendar

66% support firewise zoning

71% support low impact development

83% support renewable energy

79% support partnerships for preparedness

62% support RV park ordinance

77% support Resort Commercial

49% support summer camps in A-1

70% support developer agreements for resort commercial

73% support reserving areas along the waterfront for harbors for commercial and charter fish

85% support market facilities dockside

50% support regulations to ensure employment areas are not affected by incompatible land uses

56% support multi-county business park

Public Meetings

Thursday June 19th 6 pm West Harrison Civic Center

Sat. June 21st 10 am at D'Iberville Community Center

Surprised about the summer camps in the A-1 District. Thought that it might be older people that wouldn't want a camp next to them. Or maybe that it would compete with existing camps. Maybe we can explain this more clearly. We should come up with a definition of a summer camp and then put a conditional use permit application for the A-1 District. Do they know the age and type of people in these camps. I think they are concerned about.

Pat went to the hazard mitigation meeting. They passed out the safe communities chapter of the plan and were very supportive of the plan chapter.

Discussed the feedback from citizens received by phone and e-mail. Positive responses have been received and a number of suggestions have been integrated into the plan.

Stakeholder Meetings:

Thursday June 19th

8:30 am Casinos at SMPDD Offices at 9229 US Highway 49, Gulfport.

11:00 pm Sand Beach Stakeholders at SMPDD Offices at 9229 US Highway 49, Gulfport.

3:00 pm Planning Commission at Gulfport County Courthouse

Friday June 20th

9:00 am Safe Communities at Civil Defense Meeting Room at the Gulfport County Courthouse.

1:00 pm Economic Development at SMPDD Offices at 9229 US Highway 49, Gulfport.

3:00 pm Farmer's Market at SMPDD Offices at 9229 US Highway 49, Gulfport.

Monday 23rd

9:00 am Outdoor Recreation at SMPDD Offices at 9229 US Highway 49, Gulfport.

Casino Graphic

Really like that it covers everything related to nature based tourism, nice picture related to what could happen here. It has every potential you are talking about. It does take more acreage than they have been building on so far. That could be a beautiful development. The casinos are likely to like it if they can see a profit off of it. In both properties, using LID standards would mitigate against destruction of the environment it would neutralize opposition and provide more amenities.

Park Design

Add pavilion into the playground. Would like the drawing on the aerial photography. Need to talk to the Sherriff's office about this. Take off the jail. The 65X150' pavilion right now on the soccer fields with a concession stand. The intent is to keep the pavilion and then expand the playground next to the pavilion. Add more shading in between the fields. For example tarp like structure over the stands. The pavilion down by the pond, should be twice as big as it was before (make larger). The restrooms that exist are in the pavilion building at the soccer fields, would be good to have some kind of restroom down where the pavilion. Need to find out about

Want a screened fence to keep people out of the eastern side of the drawing. Tom Graham said that they don't want people down from the ponds.

Special Studies Updates

Cost of Community Services Study is complete and will be distributed next week to the Supervisors and county staff.

Sand Beach Master Plan is going out to the Supervisors tomorrow. Portolets are better than nothing, there are none. Can't you make something happen with the bathrooms.

Next Steering Committee Meeting

Friday June 20th at 6:30 pm at Pat's House

Other Comments on the Plan:

Page 23 Special District definition, covers non-residential areas isolated from residential areas. Don't want to exclude residential from being a special district. Work on rewording this.

Waterfront question. How is the research coming on that. Exploring the possibility of keeping the shrimpers . They are looking at the foot of courthouse on county property on the Sand Beach, maybe that is leverage to try to make sure you could get the shrimpers back. Perhaps not build the parking lot until the harbor gets the shrimping boats back. Should explore more on that. The State may not be bringing back the west side of the harbor back for the shrimping area. It's an asset to the area. That area back by the Hard Rock, it's a great asset. Why can't it be both for pleasure and commercial fishing. Port wanted to expand to west, now stopped and may go south. Need to do more research on the Gulfport Harbor. Sit down with Don Allee runs the port to find out his thoughts.

RVs: It's a big plus to have a nice RV area for casinos. RV parks are fairly low impact and could be a good attraction for folks.