

TO: The Sycamore Plan Commission

FROM: Bill Nicklas
City Manager

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RE: November 12, 2007 Plan Commission Meeting

The Plan Commission agenda has one workshop item.

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A. Consideration of an Administration Report Regarding the Comp Plan Open Houses Held in October, 2007.

Open houses were held on Thursday, October 4, Wednesday, October 10, and Saturday, October 20 to invite local citizens and businesses to review the current Comprehensive Plan, its goals and objectives, and its maps which present a pictorial vision of the City's future land use. A handout (see attached) was presented to each interested participant to provide them with an orientation to what a comprehensive plan is, and to invite them to dig deeper into the very public sources that will be the basis for any eventual decisions to amend or update the present Plan, which was adopted in June of 2003. Specifically, the following sources materials were distributed:

- Excerpts from the 2003 Comp Plan including Chapter 3: "Goals & Objectives."
- Chronological highlights of Sycamore's key planning and development activities since the 2003 Comp Plan was approved in June 2003.
- A copy of the 2003 Future Land Use Map.
- A copy of the 2007 City zoning map, which basically describes the zoning of all parcels presently within the city limits.
- A very provisional future land use map depicting uses that might develop on land within the city's planning area, but presently outside the corporate limits. This map was intended to prompt discussion, rather than predict ultimate city policy.

To encourage the broadest possible public participation, these documents and the entire Comp Plan are posted on the City's website. Citizens who may not be able to make regularly scheduled public meetings are invited to send their questions or comments to the City Clerk or to submit them online at:

www.cityofsycamore.com/2007/comments.htm

Aside from City elected and appointed officials, about two dozen residents took time from their busy schedules to participate in the open houses. Most resided in unincorporated areas contiguous to the present City limits.

The next step in the process is to schedule some workshop sessions to begin an interactive dialogue about whether the stated objectives in the 2003 Plan need to be updated (some have been achieved), and whether the future land use map should be revised. The first of these sessions will be held during the Plan Commission meeting of December 10. As a warm-up for the December session, the City Manager will give an abbreviated version of the presentation made at each of the open houses, making reference to the future land use map and the table which compares relative land uses in the 2000, 2003 and provisional 2007 Future Land Use Map (see attached).