The Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission met at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007 at Westfield Town Hall. Members present were Jim Carey, Gloria Del Greco, Bob Horkay, Ginny Kelleher, Ken Kingshill, Joe Plankis, and Carolyn Stevenson. Also present were Kevin Todd, Jennifer Miller, and Attorney Brian Zaiger.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Stevenson wanted to make sure someone followed up with Mr. Mic Mead to verify his question last month regarding the definition of "vacant."

Miller stated she would follow up with senior staff.

Kingshill moved to approve the minutes of March, 2007 as presented.

Stevenson seconded, and the motion passed 5-0-2 (Del Greco, Kelleher).

Miller reviewed the Public Hearing Rules and Procedures.

Miller reviewed continued items.

NEW BUSINESS

An amendment to the Westfield-Washington Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan adopting Appendix C of the Westfield-Washington Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan - Development Trends and Population Projection

Kelleher verified that everyone had received changes with sentence added on page five, population projections.

Plankis asked for more detail in order to make better decisions and not such a broad picture.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Mic Mead asked for clarification of the definition of "vacant."

Ms. Linda Naas believes some of the information is outdated and would like to see more history in table format.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

Del Greco would like to see an inventory of the types of houses being built.

Plankis moved to send Appendix C to the Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Horkay seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

An amendment to the Westfield-Washington Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan incorporating the Town of Westfield Parks and Recreation 2005-2009 Master Plan by reference

A Public Hearing opened at 7:35 p.m.

No one spoke, and the Public Hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

Kingshill moved to send the amendment for incorporating the Town of Westfield Parks and Recreation 2005-2009 Master Plan by reference to Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Del Greco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

An amendment to the Westfield-Washington Township 2007 Comprehensive Plan incorporating the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan 2006 by reference

A Public Hearing opened at 7:38 p.m.

No one spoke, and the Public Hearing closed at 7:39 p.m.

Plankis moved to send the amendment for incorporating the Thoroughfare Plan by reference to the Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Stevenson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Establishment of an Ordinance requiring new development to comply with the Westfield Thoroughfare Plan and requiring new development within the US 31 corridor to provide notice to the Indiana Department of Transportation.

Kingshill moved to approve the waiver to suspend the rules.

Del Greco seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing opened at 7:40 p.m.

Naas asked if there is a definition of "new development."

The Public Hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

Plankis moved to send this Ordinance to the Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Kingshill seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Todd reported on the Standards Subcommittee meeting of April 18, which included proposed draft definitions of gross and net acreage and gross and net density. He stated the definitions are being presented for discussion purposes only and that staff recommends these definitions be forwarded to Council for consideration.

Kelleher reiterated these definitions are for discussion and believes the Council should also review it.

Plankis asked if the Committee reviewed what other communities are doing and how they define and/or calculate these terms.

Plankis requested documents be referenced and dated in order to keep in the most current order.

Todd stated he would compile information from neighboring communities and get it to the appropriate people, including the Commission and the Council.

Plankis suggested adding this item to the May agenda for further discussion. He also suggested sending this on to the Council for information purposes.

Kelleher stated everyone should review these items and definitions and be ready to discuss at next APC meeting, ask questions, and make recommendations.

Todd stated that the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Task List is a result of staff's research into BZA requests and PUD amendments to development standards. Staff's vision is that up to four or five sections will be worked on at one time in order to multitask and get this finished as quickly as possible. Todd further stated there is a series of items that will be amended throughout the entire process of the rewrite, which is shown on the "Ongoing" column on the handout. He reiterated this will be a fluid process; this is the first attempt at setting guidelines and direction for this process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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President Secretary