

Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes from October 27, 2008 meeting.

Meeting started at 6:40pm.

Attendees: Ben Sweeney, Chris Turay, Tom Hejduk, Gene Kleinholz, Rick Winrod

Rick Winrod discussed Master Plan Committee progress and the proposed Master Plan subcommittees:

1. Vision Statement
2. Land Use
3. Business Attraction/Retention
4. Open Space and Recreation
5. Public Services and Utilities
6. Infrastructure and Safety
7. Residential Development
8. Unique Community Identity/ Town Center
9. Unique Community Identity/ Gateways

Tom Hejduk provided background on the 1997 Master Plan Committee and the differences and similarities with the 2009 Committee.

Tom also spoke on the possibility of Gateways involving more than signage and including landmark buildings, corporate centers and associated support businesses and restaurants. Planters supported by community clubs could also be considered.

Ben Sweeney suggested that the Master Plan Committee look at the possibility of regionalization of safety services.

Gene Kleinholz discussed the opportunities for high-tech commercial development in the area abutting LCCC.

All attendees agreed to make these proposals to the 2009 Master Plan Committee:

- Development must coexist with existing structures and dwellings. Of particular importance is stormwater management and drainage, which, if done wrong, will create needless expense.
- Development in the Historical District should be subject to an Architectural Review Board with appropriate legislation to reinforce Master Plan Committee recommendations.
- Master Plan Committee should review and embrace the past proposal of LCCC President Roy Church to create a “Silicon Valley” of light high-tech industry in the area west of Case Road, north of Dyke Road and south of Burns Road abutting the railroad tracks. North Ridgeville should partner with LCCC in developing and attracting business.
- The Master Plan should be declared a continuous process and a living document. The creation of a new Master Plan should not be an end, but a beginning. The Mayor or City Council should consider including an annual or bi-annual update on the Master Plan as part of the State of the City presentation.