

PELU TASK FORCE MEETING #1
Thursday, January 3, 2008

Start Time: 4:10 p.m.

End Time: 6:05 p.m.

Members present: Ada Louise Bohorfoush, Patrick Crowe, Brian England, William Erskine, Judy Fisher-George, James Howard, II, Cathy Hudson, William Lewis, Julia Mattis, Frank Mirabile, Bridget Mugane, Debbie Nix, Sang Oh, Deb Poquette, Susan Scheidt, Ronald Schimel, Paul Skalny, Tim Sosinski, Andrew Stack, Katherine Taylor, Howard Weinstein, Shari Zaret.

Also present: Kimberley Flowers, Caryn Lasser, Lisa Nissley, Stephanie Scott, Theodore Wimberly

Welcome was given for Mary Kay Sigaty and Jennifer Terrasa by Caryn Lasser and Lisa Nissley.

Introductions were made by all present. William Erskine and Howard Weinstein volunteered to co-chair the committee.

The meeting then opened up into a discussion on the role/functions of the task force. Below is a summary of the suggestions/concerns offered by the task force membership:

Task force should breakdown into smaller subcommittees.

Task force should be provided a basic orientation/education of the land use processes and supplied simplified information of land use procedures.

People who have experience working with the system should come to task force meetings to provide first hand input.

Task forces should set up a forum where public can give input; in public facilities around the county

Members questioned the general direction of the task force.

Future task force subcommittees should break into regions groups.

Concern for the amount of time scheduling and doing town hall type small meetings. Task force members have enough information they can share.

Task force members should develop a list of 5-10 issues to be discussed by the task force.

The task force should create a mailing list/blog for members to share information.

Several members volunteered to work in the drafting of the final report.

Some members believe public input is often welcomed, however, there is seldom any reaction to it.

DPZ should do a presentation to explain the process thoroughly.

The public should be provided 15 minutes "open mike" period for input at each meeting.

The task force's emphasis should be on public engagement/contact not changing the DPZ process.

The task force made the following decisions:

The next two meetings will be held:
Wednesday, January 9, 2008
4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
4-6 p.m.

The next meeting will concentrate on educating the members about the DPZ Process
Kimberley Flowers (KF) will do a presentation.
Members will have a chance to respond/follow up on handouts from Kimberley Flowers about DPZ.
Members will provide 5-10 bullet points about key issues they believe should be addressed

A GTV DVD entitled, "The Land Plan" was played for the attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Scott
Theodore Wimberly