

**City of South Lyon
Planning Commission
Special Meeting for Master Plan**

May 31, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Planning Commissioners Pam Weipert, Scott Lanam, Wayne Chubb, Steve Mosier, Keith Bradley, Frank Leimbach and Jerry Chaundy.

City Council Members Glenn Kivell, and Mike Kramer

Zoning Board of Appeals Members Phil Weipert, Frank Fogarty, Bill Rodman and TJ Connolly

Downtown Development Authority Members Bill Jarratt, Gary Childs, Mary Poole and Gary Fagin

Chamber of Commerce Director Kim Thompson

Parks and Recreations Commissioners Jeff Thompson and Dianne Beagle

Housing Commissioner Randy Clark

Fire Chief Mike Kennedy

City Manager David Murphy

Also present were Carmine Avantini, Kathleen Duffy (Planning Consultants) and Kristen Delaney, Director of Community and Economic Development.

Avantini welcomed the group and introduced him and Kathleen Duffy. He asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

Avantini explained the purpose of this special meeting was to have a visioning session and asked everyone to look at where they would like the city to be in twenty years. They would cover 4 topics, overall city, downtown, residential neighborhoods and the commercial corridor. After a brief discussion within each group he would ask someone to present the top three priorities from each group to present to the whole room.

The question is if you are looking down on the city, twenty years from now, what is your vision for the ideal city. He asked everyone to not worry about constraints and just brainstorm.

The top priorities presented from each group for the overall city are:

- Public safety complex
- Parks and community center
- Utilities
- Square off the footprint of the city
- Recreation center
- Green space/open space/landscaping
- Sidewalks
- Better traffic flow
- Green space
- Thriving downtown
- Completed industrial parks
- Calming traffic/improved roads

The top priorities presented from each group for the downtown are:

- Mixed use business
- Streetscapes – more pedestrian friendly
- Rooftop and sidewalk cafes
- Full store fronts
- Expansion of commercial business
- Post office gone and made into a park and/or band shell
- Underground utilities
- Pedestrian friendly
- Commercial traffic bypass
- Expanded downtown
- Pocket parks
- Parking lot connectivity

The top priorities presented from each group for the residential are:

- Well maintained streets
- Housing mix
- Rail trail
- Completed residential areas
- Trailer park removed or better maintained
- Diverse mix of homes and condominiums
- Tree lined streets
- Open space maintained
- Bike trail
- Underground utilities

The top priorities presented from each group for the commercial corridor are:

- Planning with township re: sign ordinances, facades, etc.
- Road access
- Update properties
- Signage
- Control traffic
- Parking connectivity
- Assisted living communities
- Farmers market pavilion
- Auto charging stations
- Façade standards
- Image for identity
- Landscaping
- Access management
- Streetscapes
- Parking/setback planning

Avantini explained the next steps and the timeframe to complete the Master Plan.

The meeting concluded at 8:43pm.

Scott Lanam, Chairman

Jennifer Knapp, Recording Secretary

Jerry Chaundy, Secretary