

Draft of Minutes 10-20-08 meeting

Master Plan Advisory Committee-Economic Development

DeTore brought the meeting to order at 6:02

Present, Robert Porter, Jennifer Brockett, Cheryl Jones, Joseph Gorman, Nancy Merrill, John DeTore and Paul Knapp

DeTore went over points from former Master Plans, some goals have not changed since the 1964 Master Plan

Porter made a motion to accept minutes of 9-30-08 meeting  
Second Gorman  
Passed

Parking, 400 spaces are coming and has been bonded, and traffic counts were mentioned as well as the stepped up enforcement of the two hour parking downtown.

According to Merrill the retail sector pays the lowest of any category of employment. Brockett would like to see a list of who has been approached to come to Claremont and the results.

We went over some the homework Merrill passed out last meeting, Internal strengths and weaknesses, External strengths and weaknesses. A list of answers will be given to committee members to review before the next meeting so we can start looking at strategies.

Merrill advised us she was still in the process of accumulating up dated information from the state. She stated census data is several years old and doesn't reflect current trends.

The next meeting was schedule for 6:00 PM, Monday November 17, 2008 at the City Office Building on North Street AKA the Visitors Center

Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting  
Seconded by Porter

Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.