

Smart Growth

Minutes for 7-21-2011

Members present: Blaine Oliver, Laura Lamb, Jill Walters, Derrick Ohning, Mike Schopmeyer, Becky Langford

Meeting was called to order by Laura Lamb at 9:05 am.

Laura began by discussing the status of the proposed Riparian Buffer Ordinance and a rough timeline for necessary reviews and presentations before seeking approval from the City Council and County Commissioners. To date, the group has had no significant comments on the proposed ordinance.

Mike stated that being with the Tree Board they would like to see more trees on the plant list. The group discussed the probability that trees will eventually work themselves into a native setting, but they can also create the need for dredging and snag removal to help prevent flooding. The group still needs comments from Shawn Dickerson and Larry Caplan regarding the plant list.

The group agreed on some minor wording and organizational changes. Laura will revise the ordinance with these changes and send it out to the group.

Blaine continued the meeting by discussing the proposed changes in the subdivision ordinance regarding sidewalks. Blaine will organize a meeting between Sidewalk, Complete Streets, and Transit Option subgroup and the Building Commissioner, County Engineer and City Engineer to review the proposal and other issues concerning sidewalks.

The next combined group meeting will be September 15th (skipping August) at 9:00 a.m. at the CK Newsome Community Center; 100 E. Walnut St; Suite 100 (435-6145). Dona Bergman will verify the room number so Bonnie can send it out with the reminder. Subcommittees will schedule their own meetings if necessary between now and then.

If members cannot attend the meeting, they may still email comments to Bonnie Bittner bonnie.bittner@in.nacdnet.net at the Vanderburgh County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office.

Minutes presented by: Laura Lamb