

**Minutes
Hampden Town Council
Comprehensive Planning Committee
February 4, 2009 @ 6:30pm**

The meeting of the Hampden Town Council Comprehensive Planning Committee was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the Hampden Municipal Building by Dean Bennett.

Gretchen Heldmann, GIS/IT Specialist
Dean Bennett, Economic Development Specialist
Bob Osborne, Town Planner
Kurt Mathies, Recreation Director
Councilor Tom Brann, Chair
Councilor Matt Arnett
Councilor Janet Hughes
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Andre Cushing, arrived at 7:50pm
Monica Small
Nancy Chaiyabhat
Eugene Weldon
John Mahoney
Colby Clendenning
Jim Feverston
Stacy Benjamin, Comp Plan Consultant via EMDC

1. Approval of Minutes

No old minutes were available for acceptance due to new Council Committee structure. Prior to this date all minutes were under scope of the old Community Services Committee.

2. Old Business

No old business.

3. New Business

A. Comp Plan Update

Dean Bennett provided a brief introduction and recap of events to date regarding the comp plan process. Stacy Benjamin was introduced to the group by Dean Bennett and she lead the rest of the evening's discussion about the comp plan. Stacy went over changes she had made to Book 1 and then discussed changes to Book 2. All changes were entirely formatting, editing, and

wordsmithing – she took careful precaution not to change language that would change the intent of what the committee had worked on and stated. For example, Stacy would pull items from throughout the plan that were neither specific strategies nor policies and put them under a section entitled General Goals for each section where appropriate. Stacy also summarized Hampden’s Regional Strategies.

Book 1 needs the following attention from the committee, or needs the following revisions:

- Vision statement at the beginning (committee)
- Add continuous page numbering (Stacy)
- Distinguish between on-going & continue to in table of strategies -> will help denote if activity has been started already or needs to start (Stacy)

Book 2 needs the following:

- Recreation & Open Space section missing (Stacy & Kurt Mathies)

Stacy will finalize a “to-do” list of items that still need finishing up and will determine the associated responsibilities for each. Items that will be on the list include:

- Stacy will re-write the Transportation section so that it matches the other sections for consistency and style of writing
- Farm analysis – what crops does each farm grow, are there farm stands, farmer’s markets?
- Rural – can be defined however the committee chooses; this should be addressed

4. Public Comment

The entire meeting was a general open discussion among citizen members, councilors, and Stacy with regards to changes to be made to the comp plan.

5. Committee Member Comments

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Heldmann
GIS/IT Specialist