

**Minutes of
Marshall Community Meeting
Comprehensive Plan Update
December 5, 2007**

Marshall Community Center

1. Welcome and Overview – Peter Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz welcomed everyone. He intends that this be an open committee. Committee members will not be appointed. All are welcome to participate. He hopes to have the group meet twice a month in order to have a draft plan ready for the Planning Commission in five months, by the end of May 2008.

2. Review of Current Comprehensive Plan for Marshall, and Current Service Area Boundaries – Rick Carr

Mr. Carr gave a powerpoint presentation that reviewed the adopted Marshall Service District Plan, water and sewer capacities, county and service district trends, approved developments and changes since 2004.

3. Review of Main Street Vision and Form-Based Code Project – Milt Herd

Mr. Herd updated the group on the form based code project for Main Street. Mr. Herd is seeking to get a draft of the code to the Planning Commission early in 2008.

4. Review of Transportation Enhancement Grant – Peter Schwartz

5. Building Livable Communities – Joe Alfandre

Mr. Alfandre spoke of his experience in Kentland, Maryland.

6. Open Discussion

- The proposed May 2008 deadline is ambitious - the community needs to be comfortable with the outcome. For example, the location of the future swimming pool and high school are important issues that may require significant study and deliberation.
- Mr. Schwartz responded that yes, the community must be comfortable with the outcome, and that will be a key goal of the process.

- One citizen expressed discomfort with a developer coming in to “help us.”
- Mr. Schwartz expressed his feeling that if a developer is in sync with our goals as a community, then they can be part of a positive and collaborative effort to help us achieve our vision.
- Another participant said: how could we possibly achieve what we want without the involvement of key property owners?
- A five-month timeline is aggressive.
- But that timeline does not include the formal review by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.
- If we do the job well, we’ll reach consensus on key recommendations.
- Mr. Alfandre is a builder and consultant – no longer a developer, per se.

7. Schedule

- *Mr. Schwartz:* I would like us to meet twice per month – is that possible?
- *Mr. Trumbo:* WSA and School involvement may cause the meetings to spread out more than that.
- *Mr. Schwartz:* Maybe we could *begin* with two meetings per month, and adjust as needed?
- *Consensus:* We will begin the process by meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month (January 8 and January 22, 2008, at 7:00 pm; location to be announced).
- Meetings are open to all, just like last time (no formally appointed committee)
- Everyone should review the current Marshall Service District plan – downloadable from the County’s web site.
- County staff will set up a web page under Boards/Committees on the County web site. Agendas, minutes and documents will be posted to the site.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.