



Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan Update

September 29, 2003 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chair Doug Varn, Jessica Bullock, Laura Kaufman, Susan Kurtenbach, Gail Moran, John Mullins, Patience Nelson, Rickey Sain Sr., David Stannard, Kathy Stohr, Katie Kelly, Mary Kay O'Grady, Rich Shoum, Julie Samuels, David Kindler, Gary Balling, Diane Stanke

- I. **Welcome** – Commissioner David Kindler, Park Board Liaison to the Citizen Committee, welcomed all present to the first meeting of the Park District Citizen Committee. He extended his thanks to all for volunteering for this committee and assisting in developing the Comprehensive Plan.
- II. **Citizen Committee Overview** – Chairperson Doug Varn welcomed everyone and explained what the responsibilities of the Infrastructure Committee were and how they differ from the PDCC. The PDCC is not responsible for completing a report but rather to see that all the right questions get asked throughout the Comprehensive Plan's development. Members of the PDCC should act as a sounding board as ideas and opinions are presented and keep the consultants and staff accountable for their decisions. Finally, when the final report is completed, it will be the responsibility of the PDCC to go out into the community to explain what has been accomplished.
- III. **PDCC Member Introduction** – Everyone present introduced themselves and explained their backgrounds and fields of expertise.
- IV. **Master Plan Overview and Next Steps** – Executive Director Gary Balling presented a brief presentation introducing the team of consultants and providing an overview of the project. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Strategic Directions Workshop to be held Thursday, October 9 at 6:30pm at Village Hall, Community Room 101.
- V. **Closing Remarks** – Gail Moran asked if it would be beneficial to read the Infrastructure Report. Doug encouraged all PDCC members to read it. Copies will be available behind the registration desk at the Administration Building, 218 Madison, beginning Monday October 6. We will also bring copies to the Strategic Directions Workshop. Doug also said we will need to set up a park tour in the near future for all PDCC members.

Next Meeting – Monday, October 27 at 7pm at Temporary Barrie Center

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