

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD HELD ON  
MARCH 17, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M., AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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**Comprehensive Plan 301- Discussion at 6:00 P.M.**

This is continued discussion on the Comprehensive Plan Review. Princeton's current Community Vision Statement is Princeton is a growing regional community on the Rum River, meeting your living, working, playing, and shopping needs.

Goals 1-10:

1. Appeal and Unique Qualities- Enhance the City's appeal and unique natural amenities including the Rum River, and Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. Promote the City's accessibility to the Twin City Metropolitan area and the northern lakes region, and Princeton's identity as a complete community that offers great business, housing, and recreational opportunities.
2. Life-Time Community- Establish Princeton as a life-time community by recognizing and addressing the housing and economic needs of all age groups.
3. Tax Base- Expand and diversify the area tax base by promoting sound economic development opportunities, and encouraging wise land use patterns in the area.
4. Housing- Support the expansion and diversification of the housing stock within the City to include new neighborhoods in higher-amenity areas of the community and completion of in-fill development.
5. Central Business District- Support the urban core of Princeton by promoting a healthy business climate in downtown. Expand retail and service business options and preserve the unique character of the built and natural environment in downtown.
6. Industrial/Business- Support opportunities for quality manufacturing to expand within the community and encourage new businesses to locate in Princeton.
7. Parks, Trails, and Open Space- Develop a balanced Parks, Trails, and Open Space system that includes adequate areas for active and passive recreation sites.
8. Environmental Issues- Support local and regional plans to improve surface water quality and that reduces the impact of unwise land use patterns.
9. Infra-structure – Promote the orderly and efficient extension of urban services, such as wastewater treatment, water, transportation, and public safety.
10. Growth Management- Support the expansion of the municipal boundary to growth areas in adjacent townships when development can be adequately and efficiently served by urban infra-structure. Oppose land use patterns that promote rural sprawl and prevent the logical extension of urban services.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Dave Thompson. Members present were Ken Haskamp, Lee Steinbrecher, and Ben Hanson. Staff present were Jay Blake and Mary Lou DeWitt. Mike Nielson and John Mackiewicz, City Engineers with W.S.B.

(Edmonds was present for the Comprehensive Plan Review and left at 6:59 P.M. for another meeting.)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

STEINBRECHER MOVED, SECOND BY HANSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008. UPON THE VOTE THERE WERE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. GIS Presentation – John Mackiewicz, W.S.B. Engineering**

Mackiewicz gave a presentation on the GIS Program he has been working on for the City of Princeton. The program features many aspects that can be used to gain information for all City Departments on various city functions. The parcel base mapping will have information regarding city sewer, water, and zoning. This mapping should also be capable of linking with Princeton Public Utilities GIS Mapping. Information can be included per parcel if there is a Variance, Conditional Use Permit, etc. The program should be installed in the City office in the near future and staff will be trained on the use.

**COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS:**

**A. City Council Minutes for February, 2008**

The Planning Commission Board had no comments.

**B. Verbal Report**

Blake informed the Planning Commission Board that he has heard a big box has purchased the remaining land at Rivertown Crossing. Staff has not had any direct contact from the intended buyer. On March 25, 2008, there will be a meeting regarding the reconstruction of the Dunn Bridge. Downtown business owners have been invited to attend. Discussion is continuing if this should be a one or two year project. If they work on both bridges at the same time it then would be a one year project. Detour routes are being considered also.

HANSON MOVED, SECOND BY STEINBRECHER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. UPON THE VOTE, THERE WERE 4 AYES, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Dave Thompson, Chairperson

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Mary Lou DeWitt, Comm. Dev. Assistant