



Planning Commission Summary

September 1, 2009 – Civic Center (Rm. 2108)

Topics: Future Land Use Plan and Update

Attendance

Scott Jaquith, J.E. "Mac" McFarlin, L. Warren Jones, Robby Robertson, Dennis Cammack
Staff: Brian McBroom, Chris Cramer, Steve Timms, Lesli Ellis (Clarion).

Consultant Presentation and Discussion

The consultant provided a brief update on the planning effort to date, as well as the 12 Plan Elements and guiding principles, and the Future Land Use Plan (ideas and categories). See attached PowerPoint file.

Comments and Questions

The Planning Commission responded that the plan is moving in the right direction. The group prefers Version 1.2 of the E-470 options (that retains a greater buffer of non-residential uses near the DIA boundary). Other questions and comments included:

- Where can a hospital locate? (e.g., in commercially-zoned, industrially-zoned?)
(Note: it can go in the non-residential categories, except for noise restricted areas. The planning team may want to clarify that in the plan land use categories.
- The campus-like uses should be self-sustaining with day and night-time uses.
- Should I-2 be mixed in E-470?
- The city has some catching up to do to make up for becoming more of a bedroom community in the past few years, meaning that jobs need to be the driving factor now, not residential. Need a mechanism to protect jobs and an opportunity for employment (retail, industrial). Err a little heavily on that side. Assume that jobs are a long-range market. We have a lot of time down the road; this plan won't be locked in concrete.
- Can we move the line back toward the airport with the DIA Technology category if we decide later that we have reserved too much land? Yes.
- Keep it somewhat flexible as far as defining percentage mix of uses in the different categories.