

# **Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission**

May 8, 2002

Continued Special Meeting Re: Draft Zoning Ordinance Maps

## **A. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

## **B. Pledge of allegiance**

Present: Mr. Chemma, Mr. Whisler, Mr. Liebert, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Eriksson. Absent; Mr. Grasher. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon and Mr. Hearn.

## **C. Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing to discuss the Draft Zoning Ordinance Maps was re-opened at 7:05 p.m. Comments in summary are as follows:

1. Bob Fulton, 221 Monroe Street: addressed the re-zoning of the 'iron triangle' and stated he was in favor of the proposed R-1 zoning.
2. John Lazur, 1111 Vine: in favor of proposed R-1 zoning for 'iron triangle'
3. Russell Findley, 170 Monroe Street: in favor of proposed R-1 zoning for 'iron triangle'
4. Bob McDonald, 271 Mineral Springs Rd: expressed concern over access points for developed 'iron triangle'
5. Patty McDonald, 271 Mineral Springs Rd: expressed concern over potential traffic congestion resulting from developed 'iron triangle.' In favor of proposed R-1 zoning for 'iron triangle'
6. Steve Fernandez, 309 S.R. #2 Hebron: provided the board with proposed use for 'iron triangle' and stated he would not be in favor of a P.U.D. classification being placed on the property.
7. John Bell, 414 Bowser Avenue, Chesterton: wanted clarification of proposed zoning for property at 1493 Woodlawn and stated he wanted the portion of the property classified as I-1 to remain I-1.
8. Lorain Bell, \_\_\_\_\_ Sexton: stated objection to all property east of Francis Street remaining classified as I.
9. Judy Chemma, 1655 Flemming: pointed out the function of the Planning Commission to the audience
10. James Sheeran, Merrillville: questioned the proposed zoning of the property on the northeast corner of Waverly road as B-3 P.U.D.
11. Chad Brooks, 1271 Beam Street: questioned the proposed zoning of the properties located at 1271 and 1251 Beam Street.
12. Lisa Liebert, 1516 Commodore Lane: questioned the railroad's willingness to add at grade crossings, questioned the minimum number of lots allowed in a 64 acre parcel classified as R-1 under the new subdivision ordinance, stated being in favor of proposed R-1 classification for the 'iron triangle.'
13. Sharon Berndt, 1030 Truman Street: expressed concern over access points to the developed 'iron triangle.'

A letter submitted by Robert Poparad was read into record and is attached to the file expressing his concern over the proposed zoning of property he owns on U.S. Route 20.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bell to add comments from the two meetings for the Public Hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance Maps to New Business at the May 15, 2002 Planning Commission regular meeting. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 5-0.

## **E. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Eriksson, second by Mr. Liebert. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Eugene Chemma  
President

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Lisa M. Liebert  
Secretary