

Edneyville Community Plan Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 6, 2008

The Edneyville Community Plan Advisory Committee met on May 6, 2008 at 6:00 PM for the first committee meeting. Present committee members included Mr. Gary Griffin, Ms. June Barnwell, Ms. Kay Dalton, Ms. Elizabeth Enloe, Ms. Katrina Newton, and Mr. Harvey Nix III. Ms. Leca Harris, Mr. Jeff Nix, Mr. Fred Pittillo, and Mr. Stacy Rhodes were absent. Commissioner Mark Williams was present at the meeting. Planning staff included Mr. Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Ms. Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner; Mr. Matt Cable, Planner; and Mr. Parker Sloan, Planner. The Edneyville Community Plan Workbook and disposable cameras were given to all committee members at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Starr introduced himself and welcomed the committee members. Mr. Starr then adjusted the agenda so that a video presentation would be the first item on the agenda. The video entitled "Sense of Place" which was produced by Land of Sky Regional Council was shown to the committee. Commissioner Williams then briefly discussed how and why the committee members were chosen. Mr. Williams went on to thank everyone for their service on the committee and stressed the importance of the work they would be doing for the Edneyville Community.

Mr. Starr went over the purpose of the committee and its charter. The charter requires all meetings in regard to the Edneyville Community Plan be made public. Mr. Starr then overviewed the community plan process and results, describing it as a smaller version of a comprehensive plan. Before staff and committee introductions, he reviewed ground rules for the meetings.

Mr. Cable conducted a visioning exercise with the committee members discussing strengths, concerns, and community vision. The following is a summary of the committee comments. Identified strengths included: apple orchards, family farms, individuality, work ethic, serving others, ethnic diversity, lack of development, lower density development, mix of housing prices, small/family businesses, lack of commercial chains, commitment to education, church support, heritage/history of the County, natural beauty, tourism, and current lack of congestion. Identified concerns included: losing family farms, losing farmland in general, economic viability of farming, generations leaving or selling farmlands, decline in property values, area may get left behind by the rest of the County, Latino community interaction/integration, having one community with many elements not separate communities, and congestion of US Highway 64 East. The committee identified the following in terms of community vision: need schools more available for community access/use/meeting spaces; need for larger and/or additional community centers/facilities; interest in maintaining local population, local character and sense of place; need more places for recreation (both public and private); need more ball fields; and concerns with too much traffic and congestion especially on US Highway 64 East.

After the visioning exercise, Mr. Cable discussed the picture exercise and provided the members with a deadline for returning the cameras of Friday May 23, 2008. Mr. Cable then presented a PowerPoint providing an overview of the Planning Area and focusing on the history and demographics of the area. Ms. Barnwell asked staff to find any information on the history of the

Chickasaw Tribe as related to Edneyville. Mr. Larry Rogers also mentioned the Bearwallow Post Office and whether this fell into the Planning Area.

Mr. Cable reviewed information regarding the public input meeting to be held May 20, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Edneyville Elementary School cafeteria. A discussion was held regarding the public input meeting in Edneyville, specifically as related to past public meetings held in the Planning Area and the public perception of these meetings. Mr. Starr assured the committee members that these meetings have been successful in each of the Community Plans in which he had been involved in the past.

Tentative committee meeting dates were set on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm in the King Street Meeting Room or Emergency Operations Center Room, dependent on availability. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Gary Griffin, Chairman