

**Smart Growth Presentation
August 28, 2006
Meeting Minutes**

Town Council in attendance: Bunk Spann, Janet Pepin, Rennie Brantz and Lynne Mason, Mayor Pro Tem (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)

Planning Commission in attendance: Chairperson Gregory Reck, Vice-Chairperson Mary Ruth McRae, Charlie Walker, Stephen Phillips, Gayle Turner, Patrick Heavner, Eric Woolridge, Elizabeth Aycock and Christy DeStefano (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

Staff in attendance: John Spear-Development Services Director, David Graham-Development Coordinator, Brian Johnson-Urban Design Specialist, Jane Shook-Planner, Christy Marsh-Planner, James Perry-Environmental Planner and Brenda Henson-Board Secretary

Others in attendance: Greg Young-Town Manager, Bill Post-Police Chief and Reggie Hassler-Fire Chief

John Spear started the meeting at 6:33 p.m. with a brief overview of the meeting content. He introduced the planning staff members and welcomed new Planning Commission members Patrick Heavner, Eric Woolridge and Elizabeth Aycock.

SMART GROWTH PRESENTATION

A power point presentation was given regarding APA and EPA recommendations for smart growth. **(Permanently on file.)**

Following the presentation, Mr. Spear invited any questions or comments.

Council Member Pepin felt that the Town is already encouraging smart growth development.

Council Member Brantz asked if there are grants available for smart growth development.

Council Member Spann asked what the planning staff thinks might help developers apply smart growth principles. Mr. Spear replied that smart growth regulations could be a separate document from the UDO and offered as an option to developers. Council Member Spann liked the idea of an optional development code choice.

After a short break from 7:10 – 7:20 p.m. there was a presentation concerning AICP Smart Codes. **(Permanently on file.)**

Council Member Spann thanked the planning staff members for their effort in preparing and delivering the presentation.

Council Member Mason stated that the UDO is cumbersome and should be reviewed for elimination of redundancies, especially now that the Comprehensive Plan has been updated.

Commissioner Reck stated that the Planning Commission has a priority for updating the UDO but feels overwhelmed by the process and requested help.

Mr. Spear noted that he advocates a smaller UDO with incorporation of smart growth principles.

Each board member was given a packet of smart growth reference materials which contain copies of the presentation as well as additional reference information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

Brenda Henson, Board Secretary

Lynne Mason, Mayor Pro-Tem