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City of West Branch Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
August 7, 2012
West Branch City Council Chambers, 110 North Poplar Street

The West Branch Planning & Zoning Commission opened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Commission members Roger Laughlin (Chair), John Fuller, Al Rozinek, Mary Beth Stevenson and Lauren O'Neil were in attendance. Commission Members Gary Slach and Trent Hansen were absent. Also in attendance were Mayor Don Kessler, City Administrator Matt Muckler and community member Lisa Schettler.

Approve minutes from the June 26, 2012 Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting./Move to action. Motion by Fuller and second by Rozinek to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2012 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting. Roll call vote – Ayes: Fuller, Rozinek, Laughlin, Stevenson and O'Neil. Motion carried.

Work Session on Draft Comprehensive Plan Chapters 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, maps and survey results. Commission members requested that the document formatting be reviewed, that page numbers be added, missing chapters and maps provided and previously-suggested revisions be made. The group went page-by-page through the document and suggested various changes. Action items, including economic development and wastewater, will be added to Chapter 2. Chapter 3 would benefit from drawing a connection between Smart Planning and goals in West Branch. Updated population projections were requested to be included in Chapter 6. It was suggested that strategies to promote outside participation be included in Chapter 7. Bicycling in relation to roads and the availability of I-80 as an important economic development tool were discussed in relation to Chapter 10. Corrections and updates on specific parks were suggested for Chapter 12. More detail was requested on Map 1.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Commission Member Stevenson suggested that other members and City staff consider attending the 2012 Green Infrastructure Training sponsored by Iowa Economic Development which will focus on comprehensive approaches to stormwater management. Phase One training sessions will take place in Hiawatha on September 18th. There are four other sessions scheduled in September.

Motion by Rozinek and second by Fuller to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.