

STUDY SESSION, LAN-CITY COMMISSION 11-07

PLANNING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT

- > Abide by City master plan, Horizon 2020. Plan should be reviewed on a regular basis.
 - Change should only be made for compelling reasons following public input and discussion.
 - Public process allowing for transparency of decisions/actions is essential.
- > Adequate notification of development projects to interested parties should always be given with opportunities for public input.
- > TND (traditional neighborhood design) models should be considered for better economic efficiency and planning.
- > Use of credible facts/figures prior to making any city planning decisions.
- > Tax/public cost should always be an important consideration for all projects.
 - Building on flood plains should not be allowed.
 - Impact fees should be used so development expense is not passed onto the public.

REHAB DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTAINING EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

- > Maintaining older neighborhoods can provide affordable housing and should be a high City priority.
- > Preventing blight and deterioration of older neighborhoods keeps city strong
 - New Urbanism is a concept intended to improve and maintain core city areas.
 - Implement city-wide rental registration.
 - Integrate new construction and roads with existing neighborhoods (+impact, vs -).
- > Plan for regular maintenance of roads and other public utilities.
- > Keep downtown strong and balanced – retail, bars, restaurants, living accommodations.
 - Any potential negative impact on Downtown as a consequence of land-use decisions should be an important consideration.
 - Adhere to credible statistics on existing retail space as well as city-wide vacancies. A database of such information should be maintained by the City to provide accurate information each time new retail development is considered.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- > City should work with existing businesses to expand their services and employment.
- > Chamber of Commerce should have accountable results in order to continue to be funded.
 - How is the present money being spent? What are the benefits? What new ideas are generated to stimulate the Lawrence economy?