

September 28, 2017

attendees	John Slawter	Amanda Donelan
	Mary Healy	Barb Thomas
	Mark Thurnauer	Megan deSola
	Dan Fehler	Kyle Stevie
	Kevin Barbian	Teresa Hill
	Patrick Hagerty	Dona Fehler
	Jann Seidenfaden	Kristin Hopkins

A Land Use & Zoning Plan Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 immediately following the City of Fort Thomas Community Plan Kickoff Meeting at 7:00 PM. The following is a summary of the topics discussed.

Why did you move to Fort Thomas?

- Great place to live, family oriented, walkable, great schools

What do you think are the primary issues related to land use and zoning?

- Fort Thomas is a bedroom community and nearly built out
- The city is lacking in the range of retail and services provided, need more restaurants, more events. There is no continuity among the various business districts
- There are vacancies in the downtown; but given the size of the population, how sustainable is it to try to attract more businesses? What are the appropriate uses that should be permitted?
- Some people support increasing building density in the central business districts as a way to increase development and provide more retail and housing, but others are concerned that doing so will be in conflict with maintaining the bedroom community character and feel.
- Quality of commercial uses in the south end, need to be sure to keep all of Fort Thomas beautiful
- Parking concerned that there is not enough
- What's the best way to facilitate redevelopment? What incentives are needed?
- Need to preserve green space
- Signs

What questions should be part of the survey?

- What businesses would residents like to see in Fort Thomas that aren't there now?
- Should the business districts be expanded?
- What type of housing do you think is needed?
- Where should new housing be located?

Suggest conducting a survey of business owners too: What can the city do to support local business owners?

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 30, 7PM at city hall. Will review audit of 2005 Comp Plan, land use element, and existing conditions and trends data.