

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
July 21, 2005

Media Borough Council met in the Council Chambers of the Media Municipal Building on the above date with the following officials present: President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Krull, Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Comprehensive Plan Task Force member, Kevin Matson; and residents, Kitty McFarland, Jane Rowland, Frank Daly and Mike Berman.

President Hagan called the public hearing to order at 7:05 p.m.

President Hagan introduced Tom Comitta, Principal, Thomas Comitta Associates. Mr. Comitta stated that the Delaware County Planning Commission, Upper Providence Township, Nether Providence Township, and Rose Tree Media School District all received copies of the plan for review. The Municipal Planning Code now recommends that municipal plans be updated every ten (10) years. The last Media Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1986, before the ten (10) year recommendation.

Tom Comitta referenced changes proposed by the Delaware County Planning Commission, which included comments on: character zones and future land use; best practices relating to density/intensity, infill development, and historic preservation. The County also recommended the plan be revised to further explore areas of concern including references to: the 1981 Media Historic Sites Survey; recommendations for natural resources preservation such as streams, soils, and floodplains; and stormwater management problems to address existing run off and prevent exacerbating new problems.

The Delaware County Planning Commission also recommended an open space plan be developed in conjunction with Upper Providence Township.

Vice-President Robinson thanked members of the Task Force for their contributions, stating that with Mr. Comitta's assistance they developed an outstanding plan.

Councilman Alyanakian stated that implementation of the plan will be important. President Hagan stated the implementation matrix and the creation of an implementation task force would assist with accomplishing the goals set forth in the plan.

Frank Daly asked Mr. Comitta to comment on the strengths and weaknesses of Media. Mr. Comitta responded that the major strength is that over time the built environment of Media Borough will support stable residential neighborhoods and a thriving downtown coexisting within a shared space. Mr. Comitta commented that the greatest weakness of the plan is that in 25 years the Baltimore Avenue corridor, while walkable, will not resemble State Street.

Kevin Matson thanked Borough Council for the opportunity to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

Adjournment

The public hearing adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary