

Planning Advisory Board
2008 Retreat

How valuable is your membership?

Question 1: Why do you attend the PAB meetings?

- Finding out what's going on County-wide
- Interest in planning
- Ag/business/commissioner background and representation of those areas
- 6x6 square – Problems too big to solve individually
- Add experience and ensure won't have parochial view
- Add expertise in Transportation and integration with land use planning
- Understand processes and how to work together
- Transition from PC to PAB and Comp Plan (living document)
 - Where comes from and where going
 - Bring township and commissioners together

Question 2: What would happen to our work if you didn't attend?

- Shorter meetings
- Technical resource on BOC recommendations – views of multiple planners and other communities
- Loss of out-County/In-County view
- Historic background/new eyes looking at issues (old and new PAB members)

Question 3: What would happen if the PAB didn't exist?

- What it would take commissioners to come up to learning curve (analysis and recommendations)
- Connectivity and coordination of MP updates/amendments
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- Education/info (cutting edge and direction) on hot issues vs. no authority on planning
- Loss of broad representation
- Reduced opportunity for partnerships/collaboration/coordinated efforts
- Speak with one voice on County issues
- One less push to improve local MPs
- Credibility because coming from Board perspective
- Melding diverse group input to common message

Question 4: What is the greatest contribution that a member can make to the mission?

- Ensuring see big picture to County/region as whole
 - Including taking back areas of representation
- Same resources to LUG (time/money – resource papers)

Question 5: What is the role of PAB members to bring and share information with other stakeholders?

- Not as big as could be
- New ideas/projects/trends
- Pushing into role vs. (and/or) pulling info
- Looking at all sides of issue

Other Ways to Spend Time

- Including/Reviewing areas of Comp Plan not addressed
- Educating, making aware of connections between planning/social services/health/education
- Updates about plans within or about areas members represent
- Getting background on context for Master Plan changes in order to help review (issues driving changes)
- Building relationships with universities as property owners/builders
- Formal presentations from Parks and NAPP (Master Plan for parks)
- Understanding the full plan for expenditure of public funds