

Summary of Meeting with Jeff Chamberlain and Andrea Augustine  
Kalamazoo Office of Community Planning and Development  
Kalamazoo City Hall  
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Attending: Jeff Chamberlain (City Planner), Andrea Augustine, Bob Totten, Frank Kovach, Hans Engelke, Jamie Whitmore, Doug Williams

Jeff invited our neighborhood board to meet with him to address main issues of concern that we have expressed regarding the recent final draft plan from the Kalamazoo West Side Study. Jeff explained the process of approval, as the City currently understands it. The final draft plan will be presented to the Planning Commission at their September meeting (9/4, 7 PM) for permission to send it to neighboring townships for three month review as required by recent state law. Recommendation for adoption will not be considered until comments from the townships are returned (see attachment).

Ensuing discussion focused upon our concerns about overall new development density and stability/quality of single-family homes envisioned for Parcels B/C.

Jeff acknowledged our concerns and arguments about proximity of the proposed connector road to new homes on these parcels. He admitted that the City has no basis to dictate plot size and home design beyond the rules established for current zone 8 development. He said that the final draft plan is not intended to reflect this level of detail. He acknowledged his responsibility to demonstrate that the connector road can be compatible with single family housing.

We were told that the city parks and rec department have written a 40-acre park on Parcels B/C into their 5-year plan.

Jeff indicated that city traffic engineers have developed a justification for the proposed connector road and promised to share the details of that/those reports with us.

At Frank's request, Jeff agreed to seek an evaluation of the economic feasibility for development of single-family homes and the connector road on Parcels B/C.

I agreed to share my analysis of overall allowed density in the final draft plan.