

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Freeport City Council, Freeport Economic Development Corporation, Port Freeport, and Planning Commission of the City of Freeport met Thursday March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. City Council chambers located at 430 N. Brazosport Blvd, Freeport, Texas for a workshop to discuss a proposed Master Plan.

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
Councilman Roy Yates
Councilman Brooks Bass
Councilwoman Nicole Mireles
Councilman Larry McDonald

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Brad Stephens
Jason Travis
Jennifer Hawkins

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Eric Hayes
Stuart Herbst
Lesa Girourd

PORT FREEPORT

Jason Hull
Lauren McCormick

GUESTS PRESENT:

Gary Mitchell
Marsh Darcy
Mingo Marquez Jr.
Keith Stumbaugh
Meredith Dang
Allen Mueller
Kenny Hayes

OPEN MEETING:

Mayor Troy T Brimage opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Gary Mitchell from Kendig Keast gave a presentation of the Direction and Outline for the Strategic Community Plan. Mr. Mitchell's top ten strategic items were:

- Redevelop existing housing and retail.
- Create new amenities.
- Elevate statues / perception of Freeport.
- Utilize waterfront asset.
- Ensure compatible industrial / port growth and benefits.
- Identify areas for new growth / catalysts.
- Attract new rooftops to generate market for new retail.
- Identify needed infrastructure improvements.
- Capitalize on eco-tourism potential.
- Improve regional coordination.

Mr. Mitchell compared Freeport to Kemah and The Fountains in Stafford, Texas and stated that his team was trying to get Freeport look like that in the near future. Mr. Mitchell gave five ways that these plans are implemented.

- Capital Investments
- Programs and Initiatives
- Regulations and Standards
- Partnerships and Coordination
- More targeted Planning and Study

Mayor Brimage stated that it would never be Kemah but that he looked for Freeport to be more like Port Aransas.

Mr. Mitchell addressed positive things:

- Sports facility
- Parks
- Upgrade Recreation Center
- Trails
- Bike routes

Councilman Yates asked if the population in Freeport would ever get like Lake Jackson and that we would save gas money if we didn't have to drive to Lake Jackson to eat or shop.

Councilman Yates said that Kendig Keast should tell us where to put businesses and amenities so that people can come to Freeport.

Allen Mueller and Marsh Darcy from Kendig Keast gave a review of the last advisory committee meeting.

Mr. Mitchell stated that it is assumed for this Strategic Community Plan that Freeport's 2040 population will fall within a forecast range of 12,578 to 14,356 persons, which yields a midpoint of 13,467.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the next meeting would be April 17, 2018.

ADJOURN

Mayor Troy T. Brimage adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Mayor Troy T. Brimage
City of Freeport, Texas