Conclusion

Those who come after must acquire an understanding of the intent of this document. Confusion and poor judgements come from unclear statements and misinterpreted documents, as evidenced by past recommendations based on misinformation, or personal agenda.

Decisions based on the principles of the Master Plan will result in a community-based outcome. Decisions must be neither arbitrary nor based on the interests of the few.

The fundamental concepts expressed in the principle stated herein must direct future commissioners and councilors in their recommendations and decisions.

The zoning ordinance states that its purpose is to:

1. Protect and promote the health, safety, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the City. This includes regulation on the height and size of buildings, and other structures; percentage of lot that may be occupied, size of yards, courts, and other open spaces, density of population, and use of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry, residence, or other purposes, and the landscaping thereof.
2. Protect life and property from natural hazards, and assure efficient and safe traffic movement.
3. Conserve the value and integrity of rural residential neighborhoods, assure orderly growth, preserve culturally and historically important sites and landmarks, encourage good visual quality, and high aesthetic standards, and efficiently utilize and conserve the City's resources.
4. To encourage attractive and functional commercial centers, and increase and stabilize the local tax base.
5. Promote the principles of the Master Plan.

Remember that *all* elements of good zoning and planning must work in harmony and be considered in tandem if the principles and goals of the Master Plan are to be realized.

We look to the future with anticipation that all involved will capture the vision of what Providence may become - *"A livable, sustainable community where all elements of the city reflect the communities aspirations for life, work, learning, play and growth".*

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