



CITY OF MONTPELIER PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, September 8, 2003, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall

AGENDA

MEMBERS

David Borgendale, Chair
Sara Teachout, Vice Chair
Anne Campbell
Irene Facciolo
Carolyn Grodinsky
Curt McCormack
Bryan Mitofsky

- 7:00 p.m.
1. Call to order by the Chair
 2. Review and approval of July 28, August 11, and August 25, 2003 meeting minutes if available.
 3. Comments from the Chair
 4. Review of Agenda
5. General Appearances
6. Municipal Master Plan Update - **Natural Resources Forum**

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Invited presenters: Stephen Sease (Vermont Agency of Natural Resources), Paul Markowitz (Conservation Commission), Geoff Beyer (Parks Department), and Kris Hammer (Capital Area Land Trust).

Accepting that sustainability is our ability to continue functioning (socially, economically and ecologically) into the indefinite future without being forced into decline through exhaustion of key resources, the essential questions before us will be:

- What are Montpelier's key natural resources, assets and strengths?
- What are the weaknesses and threats to our natural resources?
- Is there important information that we are missing regarding the management of our natural resources?
- What do we need to do/plan with regard to our natural resources to sustain and enhance our way of life?

We will use a roundtable/work-group format in which each invited guest will be asked to present approximately a ten-minute summary of their view of significant natural resource issues and considerations that the city of Montpelier faces. We would also like to discuss each participant's immediate and long-rang vision (e.g.,5-10-20 years) for Montpelier's management of natural resources.

The roundtable work group would then proceed with participants, stakeholders, commissioners and concerned citizens responding to what they have heard with questions and with approaches to planning and implementation for the protection of our natural resources.

7. Reschedule Transportation Visioning Forum
 - The Sept. 29 date does not leave us enough time to adequately prepare and get the word out.
 - Discuss alternative dates in October & select

8. September 29 meeting?
 - This extra Monday still presents an opportunity for the commission to cover more ground on various issues.
 - Possible topics (or combinations of topics):
 - * informal growth management workshop with Brian Shupe
 - * presentation and testing of the downtown traffic circulation model (Wilbur Smith Associates) - does the model accurately reflect present conditions in the downtown?

9. Other Business
 - Tools ? Discussion of draft distributed at previous meeting
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10. Adjourn.

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