

City of Lafayette
City Council Special Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2001
5:30 PM

sent: Terry Yarbrough, Ron Harris, Acting Mayor Jackie Carpenter, Bob Cullen, Neil Meads and L
ent: (One Vacancy)
Staff Present: Phil Lieberman, City Administrator; Trena Cranfill, Assistant to the City Administrator
rs: Dave Galati, Council of Governments

AL SETTING WORKSHOP WITH DAVE GALATI (COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS)

Galati, Council of Governments, said that this workshop is an enlightening way to show the g
ncil) where the individuals vision is for the Community. Dave Galati asked each Council member
vision for the City now, and their vision for the City 3-5 years from now. What are the most impor
you want to see happen in that time frame.

eral areas of concern:

Law Enforcement
Park Improvements
Community Involvement
Downtown Development
Transportation Improvements
Utility Improvements
Community Image

Galati asked why it is important to structure these areas of importance. It focuses on what is im
group as a whole. Dave Galati said that other communities have structured their agendas ar
s of importance (specific vs. abstract ideas). This approach refines priorities, adds more focus
siveness, will help to prevent burnout, and will make your job (City Council) easier. The pro
ract needs is that nothing gets done. Some cities have designed their City Council agendas ar
gories to help the focus and productivity of the meetings.

City Council sequenced the areas to be addressed:

Town Hall (Public Forum)
Utility Improvements (Water and Sewer)
Downtown Development
Industrial Site
Police Dept.
Parks/Community Center
Transportation Improvements

Galati reminded everyone that this is the beginning of a process, and everything won't be so

Sewer project completed

Strategies- Short vs. Long Range

Short
Increase Citizen Involvement
Complete Third Street

Long
New Community Center
Hire Police Officers
Develop Industrial Site

The City's Vision Plan has strategies, but all of the goals are long range, there will be problems if the community wants to see results. In order to optimize results, the City needs to have a mixture of short and long range goals. How do you tackle a difficult, long range strategy that will be acceptable to the community? Break down a long range goal into steps (milestones), it will be easier for the community to understand. Conducting meetings in citizen's homes is a way to increase citizen involvement.

Any strategy should answer 4 questions:
COST?
WHERE WILL MONEY COME FROM?
COMPLETION DEADLINE?
WHO WILL DO THE PROJECT?
What tools will help to develop an action plan.

OURN:
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Resolutions approved on this 12th day of April, 2001.

PROVED:

ATTESTED:

Mayor Jackie Carpenter

Phil Lieberman, City Administrator