

North Liberty Position and Plan of Action

Scanlon/Southgate Annexation & Development

JCCOG Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Position: A comprehensive transportation plan for all of Penn Township must be undertaken immediately because of imminent plans for major development.

Plan of Action: Adopt a resolution on November 28, for presentation to the JCCOG Rural Development Board, to:

- State the importance of addressing transportation issues prior to major development
- Begin the study with a clean slate—not assuming the Forevergreen Road location nor that it needs to be an arterial
- Request that JCCOG be the coordinating body as they represent all the affected municipalities, including Johnson County and Iowa City
- Commit to paying North Liberty's share of the cost of a comprehensive study

Density of Scanlon/Southgate Proposal

Position: North Liberty's comprehensive plan states that the area east of North Liberty's current boundary should be low density residential only—with no commercial.

Plan of Action: Provide examples of North Liberty's enforcement of policies that limit density and of their response to citizen concerns. Adopt ordinances to formalize North Liberty policies for consideration of citizen input and for protection of the environment to add the authority of law to those policies.

- Cite the changes required to original proposals for the Harvest Estates and Arlington Ridge subdivisions that reduced density, added green space and required buffering of the existing Kasper property as a result of citizen concerns.
- Cite the North Liberty Comprehensive Plan for the area that shows no commercial development and recommends low density residential development.
- Adopt as ordinance a North Liberty "sensitive areas" policy. (Already adopted by resolution.) First consideration on November 28, 2006.
- Adopt as ordinance a North Liberty "good neighbor policy" to require that, prior to review of any subdivision plat, the developer present the proposed development plan to neighboring property owners. Prior to plat approval, the City will require that citizen concerns be addressed. First consideration on November 28, 2006.

Resolve to fight the application to annex Scanlon property to Coralville

Position: As stated in the resolution previously adopted by the City Council, North Liberty objects to the annexation request because:

- The Scanlon property does not abut Coralville city limits
- The property is located in North Liberty's logical growth area

- If annexed by Coralville, emergency and municipal services will continue to be provided by North Liberty, without the benefit of any tax support, because of the proximity of the property to North Liberty's emergency and municipal facilities
- The area is included in North Liberty's water and sanitary sewer service area
- The desires of citizens and protection of existing uses should be primary considerations.

Plan of Action: The City of North Liberty has hired Randy Scholer of Moyer & Bergman as special counsel to represent North Liberty in fighting the Scanlon annexation. City representatives will actively participate in the hearing before the City Development Board. North Liberty will invite the City Development Board to hold the hearing at the South Slope community room in North Liberty because it is close to the property under consideration and is large enough to accommodate all who are interested in attending and participating.

Communication with Citizens for Sensible Development

Position: The Mayor and City Council wish to communicate their support for CSD by communicating their position and making themselves available to meet with citizens and respond to questions and concerns.

Plan of Action:

- Because of the short time available, this document will be emailed to CSD to clarify North Liberty's concern and commitment. We will ask CSD to help get the word out.
- The Mayor and City Council have asked North Liberty Development to host drop-in type meetings with property owners on Tuesday, November 21, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 22, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers room at 25 West Cherry Street. Council members will be available and citizens can drop in during those times to comment and ask questions.
- Press releases will be issued.