

**City of Richmond Heights  
Master Plan Public Meeting  
October 23, 2007**

Council President David Roche opened the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Henry, Keyerleber, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche

Dept Heads present: Mayor Dan Ursu; Law Director, Todd Hunt; Police Chief, Gene Rowe; City Engineer, Lee Courtney; Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter; Development Director, Lee Gase; and Building Commissioner, Bob Rodic

Mark Majewski, the City Planner, went over his ideas for the City's Master Plan. What is a Master Plan? It is not a law, just a guide for the City. The zoning helps to implement it. Majewski said the City did fairly well in keeping with its Master Plan in the past. Majewski presented the plan to the Council in the Council Chambers, with a slide show presentation.

The last plan was made in 1964 and updated in 1972. He went over the land use plan and the locations of all the land.

Majewski also went over the population trends and projections for the City. From 1950-1970 was the biggest movement of population in the City, with a lot of developments and people moving into the City. Majewski said the population would flatten out when the City hits about 13,000, since the land and developments really can not hold more than that. That would happen in about the year 2020.

The Master Plan Committee was formed over the past year and has met 7-8 times since May. Mayor Ursu said they were anticipating another meeting, then they will go to Planning Commission and Council again. This is the mechanism to which the Master Plan becomes documented.

Housing Trends were covered, with various years that developments and homes were built. Majewski also went over existing land use, development patterns and tax base. There is not a whole lot of vacant land left in the City. With quite a few new developments being built now, there will be very little land left for any more.

Vision for the Future: To preserve single family neighborhoods, liven up the north end businesses and to strengthen commercial corners.

O'Toole asked about the area in Univ Hts/South Euclid on Warr Rd/Cedar. With all the development there, was this the result of a Master Plan update or a developer's concept? Majewski said the density in Univ Hts is high and developers may have come in with ideas. South Euclid had ideas of its own though and it was the work of the City and developers together.

Majewski said that the City has to willing to get out there and change. Talk to developers and see what they can offer. With existing land uses, it may be hard to get rid of businesses and places that have existing land uses.

North End Concept: This is at Chardon/Rich Rd area. It would be nice to update the businesses and add townhouses. Sit down with the property owners, do a neighborhood meeting and you may find a developer with interest.

Airport Area: Rich Road will probably remain as is. The City has acquired some parcels and the county owns most of this land. The job is to restore the creeks and get public land. It would be nice though to have Rich Rd redeveloped as a parkway or a boulevard, but you would need a lot of coordination with the county, ODOT and FAA.

Community Core: possible ways to develop properties is to change the landscaping, entry ways. Courtney discussed the commercial developments in the east, with entry ways between the 2 developments.

Roche adjourned the Public Meeting at 8:34pm