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OPEN HOUSE COMMENTS

On May 21, 2008 Village Staff hosted an Open House at the Wales-Genesee Fire Station Center to unveil the process, timelines and elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Also presented were the preliminary goals and objectives intended to guide our continuing analysis.

The event was well publicized, noticed in Living Lake County.com, the Wales Quarterly Newsletter, Village's website and announced in two consecutive monthly meetings at the Plan Commission and the Village Board.

Citizen attendance was less than expected. Only thirteen individuals registered on the sign-in sheet. Eight of which were elected officials, committee members or city staff.

Written comments were solicited from the attendants and staff also kept a log of pertinent topics discussed amongst the citizens.

Predominant issues expressed or written:

Issues and Opportunities

Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources

Housing

Utilities and Community Facilities

- Look at "Green" renewable energy ideas- wind turbines, solar

Economic Development

- Would like to see more "office" type businesses to attract higher paying jobs to the Village.

Transportation

- Promoting safe pedestrian and bicycle circulation conflicts with supporting 4 lane Highway 83. Currently very difficult between 10-2pm.
- Bicycling is becoming more difficult

Land Use

Inter-governmental Co-operation

- Do not want storm water or sewer facilities, rain water goes back to wetlands
- Rain gardens should be encouraged.

Village of Wales residents are encouraged to offer input throughout this process. All presentation boards from the Open House are posted on the Village's website and there is a link provided for submitting questions and comments.

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