



Six planners came to Stockwell Monday night to get feedback from the residents. A whopping 23% of the population came to make their positions known. Chaos ensued. ...kinda.

Normally planners expect around 10% participation from the area we are studying. Any more than that is considered a huge success. The numbers achieved Monday night surprised us to say the least! Kudos to the Stockwell Steering Committee who did a great job getting the word out. Also, many thanks to Pastor Higdon of the Stockwell United Methodist Church for being our gracious host. (Since we scoured the church for writing utensils, the county owes you a box of pens!)





So, why did 100 people out of a population of 435 decide to spend two hours inside on what was likely one of the last pleasantly warm evenings of the year? Was it a civic-minded desire to participate? To have a say in how the town grows? For many participants, the answer is yes! Or was fear the trigger? Fear of the unknown, or simply fear of change? Likely fear was a motivator to some extent, but we believe a strong love and devotion for the existing tightly-woven community is what really drove the incredible attendance. The residents of Stockwell know they have an incredibly good thing and they don't want APC or the government or anyone else to come in and mess that up.

We heard you.

While we have your attention, allow us to dispel a few myths:

"Lafayette is looking to annex Stockwell." Not in a million years.

“Area Plan just wants us to incorporate as a Town.” Nope, we don’t care one way or the other. Stockwell is under the jurisdiction of the APC whether the town incorporates with a town board or remains unincorporated. However, if the town decides (by vote?) to incorporate, APC can help with that process, but that is not our decision to make.

“You just want to bring in zoning.” Stockwell is already zoned, as is every single property in Tippecanoe County. But many of those zones are inappropriate. During this process, we will look at zoning to make it better suit the community.

“Area Plan will encourage development and turn our small town into a large town with crime, drugs, ‘riff-raff,’ poor quality housing, more traffic, apartment buildings, etc.” The Stockwell Plan is your plan; if you want an area reserved for little pink houses only, we’ll reserve an area for little pink houses only (with apologies to John Mellencamp). The plan already in place for Stockwell (yes, there is one) is 40 years old and was adopted with little say from the citizens of Stockwell. Let’s write a better plan specifically for the residents of Stockwell and its environs.



We’ll be updating this Stockwell page weekly. We’ve only just begun the planning process; the journey continues! Let’s keep Stockwell beautiful, small, and charming. It’s the best kept secret in Tippecanoe County.

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