## Lehigh Valley Planning Commission: "bureaucracy in its worst form" (8)

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Gadfly: The LVPC is a useless organization & the recommendation put forth in the minutes of the Comprehensive Planning Commission for vote read as follows: "While the proposed amendment addresses a matter of local concern, The LVPC recommends that the city ensure that such amendment would have broad enough applicability & be suitable throughout the two districts to justify its adoption."

So considering that this amendment only applies to virtually one property in the entire city of Bethlehem on 2 West Market St., it clearly doesn't meet this test. Suddenly once the LVCP staff realized that several members of the community were at the meeting to speak out against this ordinance requesting LVPC to reject this amendment, a staffer stood up to modify the recommendation to eliminate reference to broad applicability & to simply wimp out & say this was a local issue. Darlene Heller [Bethlehem Director of Planning and Zoning] failed to appear at the meeting to weigh in against this amendment as any good planner would. However, the blatant scurrying & texting by Bradley presumes that her input was nevertheless provided with the last minute scurry by the LVPC staffer that read the change.

This organization is a puppet of the city planners & should be defunded by the counties as a total waste of taxpayer money. This is bureaucracy in its worst form, & I have witnessed Bradley's routine too many times. Who provides their funding???? Bruce