

BLUAC Steering Committee
April 20, 2006 Minutes
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In attendance: Buz Meyer, Craig Wagner, Sue Hanson, Carole Meyer, Don Loranger, Paul Guerrant, Darrel Coverdell, Geore Darrow, Al Johnson, Leslie Budewitz, Elna Darrow, Julie Spencer, Clarice Ryan, Paul Rana, John Hunter, Brett Thuma, Pat Wagner, Sally Janover.

Chair Loranger called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Loranger asked everyone to introduce themselves and noted that there was a very good article in the Bigfork Eagle on the Candidate Forum held last week.

Minutes of the 4/13/06 meeting were approved as corrected.

There was no Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Sub-Committees:

Al Johnson and Brett Thuma reported that maps have been ordered for the purpose of finalizing the Bigfork Land Use Plan for submission to the Flathead County Planning Office. Al reported that May 15, 2006 was the "drop dead" date for submission of all sub-committee reports. Al also asked for input on the language for the Land Use Committee preliminary report.

Discussion was held for clarification of the purpose of the Land Use Vision Committee. George Darrow presented copies of the Vision Statement and Formula for Homegrown Prosperity documents of the original Bigfork Land Use Plan. It was generally agreed that this be the major guideline for the final report.

Discussion also centered on the process for developing the specific zoning required by the Planning Office. It was suggested, for the purposes of the report, that the existing zoning and reaffirmation of the Bigfork Land Use Plan may be sufficient. How to incorporate input from individual landowners would be considered in the final document.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie Budewitz asked for direction on the Lake County part of the puzzle. Loranger reminded the group that Lake County Commissioners had indicated that they would be open to the idea of a joint neighborhood plan. It was also noted that it was important not to be side-tracked from the work at hand. Since Lake County has completed their Growth Plan, there is not an immediacy to address this at the Steering Committee level.

Julie Spencer, Bigfork Sewer & Water District, reminded the group of the public meeting tonight regarding the future of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. She noted that the EPA has raised the bar on treatment standards.

Paul Rana reported the meeting of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer Committee was well attended.

Announcements:

BLUAC elections will be held in conjunction with the Bigfork Fire Department and FVCC on **May 2, 2006, at the Masonic Lodge, Noon to 8:00 PM**. Absentee ballots may be submitted up to Noon on May 1, 2006. Candidates for BLUAC seats are:

Shelley Gonzales (3-year seat)

Paul Guerrant (3-year seat)

Scott Hollinger (3-year seat)

Mary Jo Naïve (1-year seat)

Announcements, as well as the minutes are posted on the BSC website.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary