

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

May 24, 2007

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In Attendance: Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Chuck Gough, Gary Ridderhoff, Paul Rana, Sue Hanson, Julie Spencer, Bruce Solberg, Leslie Budewitz, Edd Blackler

Chairwoman Elna Darrow called the Meeting to order at 12:04

Agenda: The agenda was adopted (m/sc Darrow G./Gough)

Minutes: The minutes for May 17, 2007 were approved as emailed. (M/sc Blackler/Gough)

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Gough reported the balance of \$1,162.14, including \$1,018 reserved funds. Chair Darrow noted that Buz Meyer would need a dollar figure and what the expenditures are needed to raise more funds for BSC. Darrow suggested discussing those needs later in the meeting.

Resort Tax Committee: Bruce Solberg reported he has put together an information file regarding MCA on Resort Tax, plus a document "Resort Tax Made Easy" which will make the issue more understandable and meaningful. The next meeting for the Resort Tax Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, Noon at the Chamber.

Lake County: Leslie Budewitz reported two more meetings have been scheduled. July 18, 2007, 7:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church/Bigfork, and July 19, 2007, 7:00 PM Swan Lake Community Center. Paul Rana reported he has the informational flyer ready for the meetings. The Subcommittee may change the regular committee meeting times to every other week at 9:00 AM. Lake County Planning Office is helping with mapping and with estimated growth numbers.

Vision Committee: Edd Blackler reported the Vision Subcommittee has found a new meeting place. The next Vision Committee meeting will be held June 4, 2007, Noon, at the Bigfork Methodist Church. Blackler also reported on the Affordable Housing Seminar held in Missoula and sponsored by the Burton K. Wheeler Foundation. He stressed the importance of planning for affordable housing in our community. Providing housing for people employed in service industries, fire, ambulance, etc. is of vital importance to sustainable and stable communities. He suggested asking Sue Ann Grogan of the Whitefish Housing Authority to speak to the BSC on the subject. Chair Darrow suggested including Doug Rauthie of Montana Human Resources as well. Blackler will investigate the possibility of arranging both to attend a BSC meeting. Sue Hanson mentioned that BLUAC would be discussing overlay zoning at the next BLUAC meeting (Thursday, May 31, 2007, 4:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church). This is a subject that may be included in that discussion.

Chairman Report: Elna reported that the Flathead Planning Office has hired two new planners who are Alex Hagel from Polson and Andrew Hegenger a graduate of the University of Arizona. Both will start work next week. It is estimated to take two to

three weeks training for the new planners. B J Grieve thought he would be able to get back to review of the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan in two weeks.

There is only one zone change application to be considered by BLUAC at their next meeting. There are 5 properties on Windsor Drive requesting a change in zoning from R1 (3.72 acres) to R3 and R4 (1.87 acres). The application for Westcor 1031 Exchange was pulled because the B2 zoning required 5 acres. Westcor will resubmit with a Conditional Use Permit application at a later date.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

Announcements: The position of Member at Large on the BLUAC is open and deadline for a letter of Application is due to Mary Sevier at the planning office by May 31, 2007.

Public Comment: Julie Spencer reported she is meeting with Joe Brenneman to discuss a grant for Lake Avenue (Public Dock in Bigfork) storm drainage. Chuck Gough reported the majority of Mill Creek development is listed for sale. Spencer noted that development of phase 1 & 2 of Mill Creek is delayed due to the pond and entry rockwork covering the sewer transmission lines. That would need to be resolved before construction can continue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58
Sue Hanson, Acting Secretary

Special Meeting:

The meeting was reconvened immediately to discuss budget items for fund raising. Facility cost, printing, postage, and website costs were identified.

Special Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM