

**BLUAC Steering Committee  
September 29, 2005 Minutes**

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. Minutes of the September 22, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed.

**Old Business:**

Chairman Averill reported that the Survey Booklets are printed and ready for sale at Electric Avenue Bookstore, Jug Tree, Bigfork Chamber of Commerce and Flathead Bank. Books will be sold for \$15 to cover costs of printing. Part of the proceeds of the auction of Survey Booklets will be allocated for Steering Committee expenses.

Don Loranger reported that the government sub-committee is scheduling the MSU students who will evaluate the tax base in the three zones identified at last weeks meeting. This should be on schedule in mid-November. He also reported that his inquiries into getting a special law passed for townships, etc., would be very unlikely to pass. Reasoning is that the legislature would not pass a special law just for Bigfork and the application statewide would not be appropriate. Alec Townsend, Montana League of Cities and Towns, will address the Steering Committee at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don is hoping to get Bob Keenan's assistance in getting Greg Pettish to speak to the group. There were questions about the interpretation of statutes on density requirements. Buz Meyer hopes to have an answer to the interpretation by next week's meeting.

It was suggested a presentation be given to the High School government class to gain youthful insight into the survey results and planning process. Doug Averill will schedule the presentation.

The program for the public meeting, scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Items available to the public are maps, copies of the Survey, and a sample of the survey tally scroll used in tabulating. Secretary Hanson will prepare a press release for the Bigfork Eagle, Lakeshore Country Journal and the Daily Interlake.

Sue Hanson reported on the requirements for positions on the three Flathead County boards. The BLUAC requirements are 2-year residency in the Bigfork Land Use area, for a 3-year term. The requirements for Flathead Planning Board are residency in Flathead County (excluding incorporated cities), for a 2-year term. Requirements for the Flathead Board of Adjustment are the same as Planning Board. There are two terms ending in 2005 for BLUAC (Jack Paulson and Scott Hollinger). There are three terms ending in 2005 for the Flathead Planning Board (Jeff Larson, Don Hines, Tim Calaway). Three terms are also ending in 2005 for the Board of Adjustment (Gina Klempel, Tony Sagami and Scott Hollinger). An email will go out to all Steering Committee contacts to encourage applications from Bigfork representatives for these positions.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Sue Hanson  
Secretary