

**BLUAC Steering Committee  
October 20, 2005 Minutes**

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Minutes of the October 13, 2005 meeting were tabled to discuss corrections at the next meeting. Meeting was held at La Provence and while waiting for the deli to bring lunch everyone introduced themselves.

**Old Business:**

Carol Venable reported on the process for changing the BLUAC Policies and Procedures to allow for the committee to be elected rather than appointed by the County Commissioners. She noted that time was a factor in getting the policies changed in time to allow for those who wanted to file for positions at the December 18, 2005 to February 15, 2006 filing period. She read a letter to BLUAC requesting their approval of the amendment and the proposed amendment (attached). There were several questions regarding the wording of "free holder" in the original Policies & Procedures as well as how to change the rotation for committee seats. Carol Venable, John Bourquin, Craig Wagner and Elna Darrow will sit down and sort out the wording of the amendment before the BLUAC meeting on October 27, 2005.

Buz Meyer reported that he was in contact with Dr. Ken Weaver of the Department of Political Science at MSU. Dr. Weaver has agreed to conduct a workshop for the Steering Committee on the alternative government choices for Bigfork such as a Special Zoning District, Community Council, Incorporation, etc. The workshop would last between two to four hours, with plenty of time to answer questions from people in the community. The cost of the workshop is approximately \$500. Craig Wagner made the motion to conduct the workshop on Thursday, November 10, 2005. Don Loranger Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Averill reported on attending a meeting of the Long Range Task Force. The meeting focused on neighborhood plans in Flathead County. Some of the concerns of the Planning Office and Jeff Harris, related to how some plans may affect corridors within the county, such as the Two Rivers project. He noted that the meeting is open for public comment. The Long Range Task Force meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at the Earl Bennett building, 1035 First Avenue West, Kalispell.

Sue Hanson reported that a meeting with the Lake County Commissioners is set up for presentation of the Survey results relating to Lake County residents. The meeting is set for November 2, 2005, at the Lake County Commissioners' office in Polson at 10:30 AM. Lake County Commissioner, Paddy Trusler, will be inviting the Lake County Planning staff, and other county officials connected or affected by growth planning for this meeting.

Carol Venable reported on a call received from Sunset Point residents concerning the subdivision PUD application for Whisper Ridge. The application calls for a 59-unit subdivision (23 single family and 36 town homes) located west of the Timbers Motel, above Sunset Point. The residents were upset that the notice contained an incorrect date (September 29, 2005 rather than October 27, 2005) for the BLUAC meeting and was only received a week before the scheduled meeting. The concern was that with the incorrect date, many of the residents are now gone for the winter and would think that it was too late to comment. There was also concern that there was very basic information on the notice and did not contain information regarding the exceptions asked for in road and set back variances.

**New Business:**

Before elections proceeded, Secretary Hanson reported on receiving a "proxy" vote via email from a committee member who could not attend the meeting. After discussion, it was determined that no provision for proxy votes were contained in the committee by-laws and therefore, no proxy votes could be accepted.

Pat Wagner, Chairman of the nominating committee, reported the slate of officers for election as follows:

Chairman: Don Loranger & Gary Ridderhoff

Vice-Chairman: Buz Meyer & Ann Guerrant

Secretary: Sue Hanson (Pat Wagner withdrawn due to eligibility)

Treasurer: Shelley Gonzales & Carol Venable

Member at Large: Elna Darrow, Doug Averill, Brett Thuma & Denise Lang

Denise Lang requested her name be removed from the nominating slate.

Floor was opened for nominations for each position as follows:

Chairman: - No nominations from the floor.

Vice-Chairman – No nominations from the floor.

Secretary – No nominations from the floor.

Treasurer – No nominations from the floor.

Member at Large: Gary Ridderhoff & Clarice Ryan was nominated.

Election was conducted by ballot. Results are as follows:

**Chairman: Don Loranger**

**Vice-Chairman: Buz Meyer**

**Secretary: Sue Hanson**

**Treasurer: Shelley Gonzales**

**Members at Large: Doug Averill & Elna Darrow**

Clarice Ryan presented outgoing Chairman, Doug Averill, a pastel portrait of his father, Les Averill. Ryan painted the pastel during a sitting with Les several years ago. Craig Wagner made the motion that all the past officers be recognized and thanked for their efforts over the past year. Phil Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and wholeheartedly.

Pat Wagner moved that a committee be formed to refine and complete the Steering Committee by-laws. Sue Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Those volunteering to sit on the committee are Craig Wagner, John Bourquin, Gary Ridderhoff, Brett Thuma and Pat Wagner. Buz Meyer was tapped as an ex-officio legal consultant.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held at the Launch at Marina Cay, Thursday, October 27, 2005, at noon.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM

Sue Hanson

Secretary