

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

October 4, 2007

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(Draft) *Approved*

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Leslie Budewitz, Sue Hanson, John Bourquin, Don Loranger, Alex Strickland, Bruce Solberg, Shelley Gonzales, Darrel Coverdell, Gary Ridderhoff, Chuck Gough, Clarice Ryan, Edd Blackler, Paul Guerrant, Marilyn Graham, Gordon Graham, John Lang and BJGrieve, Flathead County Planner

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elna Darrow at 12:00

A motion was made by Don Loranger to send a letter of appreciation to Jeff Harris, Director of Flathead County Planning Department and the Daily Interlake telling of the good work and how patient BJ Grieve has been to us in writing the neighborhood plan. (m/s Loranger, Guerrant) This was a response to a front page article in the paper. The motion passed.

Agenda: Elna tried to suspend the committee reports until BJ was through but three committees had reports and couldn't stay late. They wanted to make quick reports

Minutes: Minutes for Sept. 20, 2007 and Sept. 27, 2007 were approved as emailed. (m/s Hanson/Gough)

Treasurer's Report: Our Balance is still \$3007.00 with a donation due this month for the use of the Church Basement. There was discussion as to how much we should give. A motion was made to pay the church \$\$600.00. (m/s Bourquin, Hanson) Discussion took place over the amount and the motion was amended to read "donate \$500.00" (m/sc Guerrant/Budewitz) More discussion ensued about perhaps doing a study on the number of meetings we do have each year... The amendment had to be voted on first. The majority vote on the amendment went to ayes. A check will be issued to Bethany Lutheran Church for \$500.00

Lake County Planning: Leslie Budewitz, Chair of this committee needed to leave early and she needed to give her report. This committee is back to having meetings twice a month, First (1st) and Third (3rd) Friday of the month at 9:00 at the Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. Our first project will get a land use map, and they identified other areas they will be working on. They will need more people to help, not necessarily to attend meetings but to help in other areas such as we did on the Bigfork Neighborhood Plan, forming sub-committees to meet on their own to do specific tasks. You can call Leslie at 837-6094. The second item she wanted to bring up was Montana211.org. She was called and asked to put here committee on the list. Leslie checked this site out, it appears to legitimate and federally started a few years ago. It is a Resources and Services Directory especially for organizations that might be hard to find in the telephone directory. Leslie said she was the chairperson of a sub committee, told her about the Steering Committee and referred her to Elna. Some of the funding for the Northwest Montana area is coming from United Way in Kalispell. The motion was made... Why don't we all go home and take a look at the site and discuss it next week at our meeting. (m/sc Wagner, C., Hanson) motion passed.

Resort Tax: Bruce Solberg, Chairperson of the Resort Tax committee asked to give a quick report as he has to leave early also. Now that summer is over they held a meeting yesterday. They will be preparing a mission statement to present next week. He has handed out assignments to each of his committee members. They have certain subjects they are to research and become the expert. At the beginning of the meeting Bruce also introduced 2 new members to his committee, Marilyn and Gordon Graham. Welcome aboard!!!

Vision Committee: No report (essence of time)

Nominating Committee: pushed to the end of the meeting

Chairman's Report: Elna turned the meeting over to BJ Grieve and Shelley.

The first item was a request from Shelley to BJ to look into a possible zoning violation in Bigfork.

After a suggestion from BJ the motion was made to put Shelley in charge of the Land Use Map and to work with BJ on that task, present the plan as published with a cover letter explaining those policies we do or don't change and our reasoning behind them along with our completed land use map to the planning staff and then on to the planning board (m/sc Darrow, E./Bourquin)

The rest of the meeting was basically a lengthy discussion on the importance of the land use map and why it needs to accompany our Bigfork Neighborhood Plan. This land use map is mandated from the state and BJ said every Neighborhood plan they have on file will have to be updated with a land use map or the county will be doing it for them. The land use map is just a projection. It is not a zone change or chiseled in stone. It is simply a document based on past analysis showing where future projections of growth might be located. Shelley had mentioned last week she still had all the past data she needs in her computer to do this, which was the basis for the above mentioned motion. Since we did not cover Part 5 on BJ's report we will meet again with him on Oct 11, 2007, our next steering committee meeting. BJ set a target date of November 1, 2007 to have a copy of the Land Use Map ready to discuss.

A question was asked about an item on page 7 of BJ's report regarding a road and an easement. The sum total is if the county gives up an easement then in order to reconnect a road they would have to buy that easement back.

Elections: Our elections will be held at our annual meeting which is October 18, 2007. The slate as it stands right now is Chairperson: Craig Wagner, Vice Chairperson Elna Darrow, Secretary Pat Wagner, and Treasurer Chuck Gough. Nominations can be made from the floor on election day. Remember you have to attend three (3) consecutive meetings in order to vote. A new list will be out this week.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:51

Pat Wagner, Secretary