

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
November 29, 2007
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(Amended)

In Attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Sue Hanson, John Bourquin, Paul Rana, Paul Guerrant, Alex Strickland, Chuck Gough, Edd Blackler, Leslie Budewitz, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Steve Zabaro, Buz Meyer, Darrel Coverdell, Bruce Solberg, Julie Spencer, Sally Janover

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Craig Wagner at 12:00 PM

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as emailed. (m/sc Darrow, E./ Hanson)

Minutes: The minutes were adopted as amended (m/sc Darrow, E./ Guerrant)

Treasurer's Report: Chuck stated our balance remains the same at \$2457.23.

Committee Reports:

Resort Tax: Bruce Solberg has been in touch with Mona Jamison, an attorney responsible for putting several resort taxes in place. He gave us her background which is quite extensive and her suggestion was to hold a meeting and she would be glad to come and speak and answer questions. Naturally this has a large price tag. Bruce is also waiting to hear back from the University of Montana which is also a possible viable source of information and help. This month in the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter there is a statement from the President of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the resort tax so as to keep our community informed. An email at chamber@bigfork.org/resorttax is being set up for people to ask questions about the tax.

Lake County Planning: Leslie gave us her meeting schedule which is as follows:

11/30/2007 Ferndale Fire Hall Driving Tour. 9:00 am

12/7/2007 Ferndale Fire Hall Work session on public comments, goals and objectives, 9:00 am

12/14/2007 Ferndale Fire Hall Driving Tour 9:00 am

1/4/2008 Saddlehorn Discovery Center 9:00 am

1/18/2008 Saddlehorn Discovery Center 9:00 am

Vision Committee: Their next meeting will be on December 3, 2007 12:00 at the Saddlehorn Discovery Tower.

Watershed Committee: Sue presented a map showing the boundaries for the preliminary study which at this point is mainly concerned with what is being discharged into the 2 rivers and the bay. The contract has been signed with the engineering firm of Morrison and Maierle Inc. and Sue met with 2 members of the firm at Bigfork Sewer and Water Co. to make plans. Julie Spencer, Director of the Sewer and Water District loaned them Andy Laudermilk and these four walked the village lifting manhole covers and other areas. (See this week's Bigfork Eagle). This preliminary study will let us know what we have and what we don't have. This preliminary study is necessary in order to proceed with applying for grants. The committee is still being put together and she feels that it should be up and running by the first of the year. Since they will be responsible for administering the funds received they will need to produce a set of by laws. She also remarked on the pleasant help from the County Planning Office, GIS office and Bigfork Water and Sewer.

Chairman's Report: Craig has been looking for people to staff the committees suggested by the vision committee and gotten some commitments. He has left phone call messages and talked to others. This is holiday time and some people may be out of town, John Bourquin contacted Carol and Kent James and Jerry Molen who are producers and they are very excited about doing the cd and or brochure. As to the funding committee Leslie presented an article from the Missoulian Newspaper telling how Ravalli County is forming citizens groups and received a large funding from the Brainerd Foundation, a Seattle based non profit group which our funding committee might like to explore.

Bigfork Neighborhood Plan: Craig read an email from Shelley as she couldn't be present. She is nearing completion on the rewrites. She is working with the housing group, Population/Economy Section, Downtown Commercial District. The Land Use section needs some more goals and policies for commercial development. She also mentioned setting up workshops. (email attached in notebook)

A workshop has been set up for Wednesday December 5th from 11:00 to 1:00 at Bethany Lutheran Church to work on the neighborhood plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:02

Pat Wagner, Secretary