

**BLUAC Steering Committee
December 08, 2005 Minutes**

In attendance: Pat Wagner, Craig D. Wagner, Warren Gardner, John Bourquin, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, Leslie Budewitz, Shelley Gonzales, Sally Janover, Chuck Gough, Clarice Ryan.

Acting Chairman Shelley Gonzales called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm

All actions from this meeting were accepted as approved but subject to ratification at the next meeting on December 15th, 2005 due to lack of significant amount of board members present.

The minutes of December 01, 2005 were accepted as e-mailed and subject to ratification.

Committee reports:

Government:

John Bourquin presented a new map from Flathead County GIS office with proposed city boundaries confirming density for incorporation: This map showing, 2.95 square miles with 1220 population based on 2000 census. John also talked to Ken Weaver from Montana State University with regard to expenses for gathering further data, tax base information and budget from proposed city. If Bigfork proceeds in conjunction with Lakeside, further expenses could be \$500.00 for building a city budget and a budget for a start up city. Travel expenses, if necessary may go as high as \$1,000. Ken Weaver will be responsible for all aspects of bringing incorporation to a ballot for the citizens of Bigfork. John suggested that we set aside \$1,500.00 in reserve (which he believes is in excess) for this purpose. This amount would be paid to Weaver if the process of incorporation stops after a budget is developed and consequences to property taxes is known. If the incorporation comes to pass, Weaver can bill the new city the entire amount that is estimated between \$3,000 and \$5,000 which maybe split with Lakeside if that community also becomes incorporated at the same time. It was moved by Elna Darrow and seconded by Pat Wagner, approved with one opposed and subject to ratification at the next meeting.

By-Laws:

Craig Wagner presented a completed draft of the new by-laws for the steering committee. He will send copies to Jonathan Smith, Flathead County Attorney, Joe Brenneman, Bigfork County Commissioner and the Committee for a Better Bigfork and BLUAC.

Growth Plan

Shelley Gonzales remarked that Christmas is a busy time and a time for families and suggested that the people on her sub-committees could do some research online and other places this month and be ready to tackle business in January, A couple of her sub-committees requested zoning maps and Craig Wagner agreed to drop one off to Chuck Gough.

Land Use reported that you can control growth by water and sewer lines, i.e. public utilities.

Other Business:

A discussion ensued on placing the large zoning map of Bigfork in the library, along with instructions for placing zoning preferences on the map. It was explained the map was waiting for the library to open. Shelley was to take care of instructions and Craig and Pat Wagner to get labels or flags for placement on map and John Bourquin to get a clean copy of zoning regulations to be placed in the library also.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Wagner, Acting Secretary