

**FLATHEAD COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2012**

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

A meeting of the Flathead County Planning Board was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Marie Hickey-AuClaire, Charles Lapp, Frank DeKort, Jim Heim, Jeff Larsen, Ron Schlegel and Greg Stevens. Gene Shellerud had an excused absence. Robert Faulkner was absent. BJ Grieve and Alex Hogle represented the Flathead County Planning & Zoning Office.

There were 7 people in the audience.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

DeKort made a motion, seconded by Schlegel to approve the February 15, 2012 meeting minutes.

On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT  
(not related to  
agenda items)**

Olaf Irvin, 1658 North Fork Rd, had brought his boy scout troop to the meeting to work on their citizenship and community merit badges by attending a public meeting.

**SUBDIVISION  
TEXT  
AMENDMENTS  
(FSTA 11-01)**

A request by Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office for amendments to the text of the Flathead County Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments prior to forwarding a recommendation to the Flathead County Commissioners. The Commissioners will also hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments, per 76-3-503 M.C.A. The amendments include such things as addressing inconsistencies in fees, addressing troublesome review criteria and procedures for First Minor Subdivision administrative approvals, addressing extensions of preliminary plat approval and accompanying phasing plans (if applicable) based on recent legislation, clarifying requirements for pedestrian and bicycle path easements in subdivisions, clarifying requirements for waiving topography on preliminary plats, fixing vestige inconsistencies regarding depth to groundwater requirements and fixing a typographic error in Appendix C.

**STAFF REPORT**

Alex Hogle reviewed FSTA 11-01 for the Board.

**BOARD  
QUESTIONS**

Heim and Hogle briefly discussed the amendment which concerned extensions for subdivisions.

Lapp and staff discussed how the proposed amendments affected easements.

**AGENCY  
COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD  
DISCUSSION**

Hickey-AuClaire briefly reviewed the procedure for a recommendation for either approval or denial of the text amendments.

**MAIN MOTION  
TO  
RECOMMEND  
APPROVAL  
(FSTA 11-01)**

Stevens made a motion seconded by DeKort to recommend approval of FSTA 11-01 to the Board of County Commissioners.

**CALL FOR THE  
QUESTION**

DeKort called for the question.

**ROLL CALL TO  
RECOMMEND  
APPROVAL  
(FSTA 11-01)**

On a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

Grieve said he did not have any committee reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hickey-AuClaire said the discussion concerning the growth policy with a representative of the city of Kalispell had been postponed until the April 11, 2012 Planning Board meeting at the request of the Kalispell Planning Office.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm. on a motion by DeKort. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 11, 2012.

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Marie Hickey-AuClaire, Chairman

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Donna Valade, Recording Secretary

*APPROVED AS **SUBMITTED**/CORRECTED: 4 / 11 / 12*