

BLUAC Steering Committee
April 27, 2006 Minutes
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In attendance: George Darrow, Buz Meyer, Elna Darrow, Sue Hanson, Craig D. Wagner, Pat Wagner, Darrel Coverdell, Gwen Sutherland, Serena Keller, Leslie Budewitz, Brett Thuma, Al Johnson, Paul Guerrant, Kathy Robertson, Shelley Gonzales, Gary Ridderhoff, Clarice Ryan, Joun Bourquin, Edd Blackler

Vice Chair Meyer called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

Minutes of the April 20, 2006, meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer Gonzales reported \$2,627.59 in the account. She added that the committee will need funds to reproduce the completed neighborhood growth plan and other expenses related to public meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Sub-Committees:

Al Johnson presented the Land Use Draft prepared by he and Brett Thuma. They suggest no specific zoning be included other than what presently exists. The report could include comments made by landowners at the public meetings. It is understood that any change in zoning would go through the regular process through the county planning office. He did report that neighborhood plans were encouraged to make suggestions of changes or additional land use classifications to properly serve the community. Those are noted in the report and include RR1, RR2, Performance Zoning and Overlay Zoning. Kathy Robertson commented that new or revised classifications needed to be looked at countywide. Al thanked Brett for his expertise and untiring efforts to help put the report together.

Shelley Gonzales reported that she will get together with one or two representatives of the seven committees to go over all the draft reports, to determine if data is consistent and work toward the end product. She suggested there would be three public meetings to gather input from the community before the final draft is complete. Edd Blackler suggested putting together a Power Point Presentation for the public meetings and for distribution through email. It was generally agreed that the Power Point expert (Mr. Loranger) would be able to whisk that out in no time.

Elna Darrow reported that the Issue Paper on Natural Resources developed by B J Grieve for Flathead County would be very appropriate to use as a base document for the committee's report. She stated that the report used 98% of the resources her committee would use. The GIS maps made available by the Land Use Committee were also a valuable resource. She will need more actual statistics on development in progress at this time. She also commented that the information collected during the Flathead County

public meetings (available on the county website) seems to parallel issue paper concerns and the 1971 Montana Environmental Policy Act.

Vision Statement:

Al Johnson reported he had received a lot of excellent comment regarding a vision statement. He suggested there be a general vision statement to accompany the growth plan, much like the original vision statement. He suggested a second vision statement which would include goals and implementations in a much more specific nature. He added that the second statement would take time and much more research to complete.

Sally Janover moved to ratify the current Vision Statement and The Bigfork Formula for Homegrown Prosperity with a rephrasing of #7 to be reviewed at the next meeting and to continue work on research and input for an over-arching specific long term Vision/Goals/Implementation statement. Elna Darrow seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BLUAC Bylaws:

Clarice Ryan stated that after passage of the complete revision of BLUAC bylaws, the document is to be taken directly to the Flathead County Commissioners with a copy to Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith and Planning Director Jeff Harris.

NEW BUSINESS:

Serena Keller approached the committee with a request for a letter of support for the Bigfork Community Park to be written to the Flathead County Parks and Recreation Department. The supporters of developing the park are meeting with the department on Monday, May 1, 2006 to discuss the project. Craig Wagner moved that the Bigfork Steering Committee draft a letter to endorse the Bigfork Community Park project's full spectrum of amenities. Leslie Budewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The secretary was directed to send the letter, after review by Vice Chairman Meyer.

Announcements:

BLUAC elections will be held in conjunction with the Bigfork Fire Department and FVCC on **May 2, 2006, at the Masonic Lodge, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. Absentee ballots may be submitted up to Noon on May 1, 2006. Candidates for BLUAC seats are:
Shelley Gonzales (3-year seat)
Paul Guerrant (3-year seat)
Scott Hollinger (3-year seat)
Mary Jo Naïve (1-year seat)

Announcements, as well as the minutes are posted on the BSC website.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary