

BLUAC Steering Committee
May 18, 2006 Minutes
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In attendance: George Darrow, Sue Hanson, Don Loranger, Elna Darrow, Paul J. Rana, Gary Ridderhoff, Brett Thuma, Shelley Gonzales, Doris Gorsuch, Gwen Sutherland, Clarice Ryan, Darrel Coverdell, Paul Guerrant, John Bourquin, Pat Wagner, Craig D. Wagner

Chairman Loranger called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Minutes of the May 11, 2006, meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer Gonzales reported \$2,627.59 in the account, unchanged from last week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Candidate Forum:

Elna Darrow reported that Monday, May 22, 2006, was the only time all Commissioner candidates would be available to come to Bigfork. Gwen Sutherland reported the Swan River Hall was available on that day.

Discussion was entertained as to the ability to advertise the forum in such short notice. Several noted that there have been and will be several more panels in the valley, plus the Daily Inter Lake has published a list of questions for Commissioner candidates. It was generally agreed that another panel would not be necessary. Chair thanked Elna and Gwen for looking into the matter.

Planning Sub-Committees:

Shelley Gonzales, Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committees, reported excellent progress in compiling all the sub-committee documents. There remains one more report to be reviewed. She estimates the draft will be complete for review by the Steering Committee board by May 25, 2006.

Next to be accomplished will be to create a Power Point Presentation with a summary of the draft, goals, policies and implementation. The Steering Committee board will have one week to review the document before being sent to Lisa Horowitz for a professional review. Shelley stated that Horowitz estimated approximately 8 hours to review the draft at \$50 per hour.

Public meetings will then be scheduled.

Shelley reported there did not seem to be a guideline for Neighborhood Plans forthcoming from the Planning Office. She has used the contents from the County website for a guideline of content and organization of the plan for submission.

Long Range Vision/Plan

Resort Tax

Joint County Zoning District

Work on these three projects will be deferred until after the Neighborhood Plan is completed and submitted to Flathead County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was entertained regarding a break for the summer months. It was generally agreed, after the public meetings were completed and final plan was submitted to the Flathead County Planning Office, to suspend Steering Committee meetings until September. At that time, the committee will concentrate on the Long Range Vision/Plan, Resort Tax and Joint County Zoning District.

Announcements:

There is concern that the green boxes on Hwy 83 **may be closed** due to violations of contractors filling the boxes with construction trash and folks leaving sofa's, appliances, tires, etc. in open areas at the dump site. Please report any violations to the Flathead County Solid Waste department. Call 758-5910 with information (license plate numbers, contractor's names, etc.) to report unlawful dumping. It's important to keep the dumpsters available!!

A BLUAC Member At Large (one-year) will be appointed after June 1, 2006, when BLUAC holds election of officers. The Flathead County Planning Office will advertise the position in the Daily Inter Lake and Bigfork Eagle. **Deadline for applications is June 2, 2006.** Applicants must be registered voters who have resided within the jurisdiction of the Bigfork Area Land Use Plan for a minimum of two years and must live in Flathead County. Letters of interest must include name, address, daytime phone number and qualifications. Service on the committee is voluntary. Applications are to be mailed to:

Mary Sevier
Flathead Planning & Zoning Office
1035 First Avenue West
Kalispell, MT 59901

Members of BLUAC for the term beginning June 1, 2006 are:

John Bourquin (2008)
Shelley Gonzales (2009)
Paul Guerrant (2009)
Phil Hanson (2008)
Mary Jo Naïve (2007)
Clarice Ryan (2007)

There will be a BLUAC meeting on **May 25, 2006, 4:00 PM** at the Bethany Lutheran Church. There are five items on the agenda. This will be the last meeting for outgoing BLUAC members.

There will be a Candidate Panel for State Senators and Representatives on Tuesday, **May 23, 2006**, at the Marina Cay, 7:00 PM., sponsored by the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce

There will be a Candidate Forum for Flathead County Sheriff's candidates on Thursday, **May 25, 2006, 7:00 PM** at the Outlaw Inn in Kalispell.

Announcements, as well as the minutes are posted on the BSC website.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary