

BLUAC Steering Committee
May 4, 2006 Minutes
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In attendance: Sue Hanson, Liz Coutts, Gil Coutts, Pat Wagner, Joe Cassetta, Julie Cassetta, Jerry Molen, Pat Molen, Woody Nedom, George Darrow, Darrel Coverdell, Chuck Gough, Gary Ridderhoff, Al Johnson, Shelley Gonzales, Sally Janover, Leslie Budewitz, Elna Darrow, Roger Butow, Doug Averill, Paul Guerrant, Buz Meyer, Brett Thuma, John Bourquin, Rick Trembath, Gwen Sutherland

Chairman Loranger called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. He asked everyone to introduce himself or herself. Two of the newly elected members of BLUAC attending the meeting, Shelley Gonzales and Paul Guerrant, were given an enthusiastic round of applause.

Minutes of the April 27, 2006, meeting were approved as mailed.

Treasurer Gonzales reported \$2,627.59 in the account, unchanged from last week. She reminded the committee that there will be considerable expense in printing costs and costs for public meetings for input and comments of the draft by the community.

Chairman Loranger entertained a motion "Bigfork Steering Committee formal request of the BLUAC the re-establishment of the supportive relationship between the BSC and BLUAC. Such request to be dispatched after June 1, 2006." Craig Wagner made the motion. Leslie Budewitz seconded. After short discussion on the importance of continuing the open discussion, volunteer efforts of BSC, resolving conflicts and completion of the Bigfork Neighborhood Growth Plan, the vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Sub-Committees:

Shelley Gonzales, Chairman of the Planning Sub-Committees, reported that meetings had begun in the process of pulling together the data from the seven committees. She will hold meetings at 11:00 AM each Thursday, before the Steering Committee meetings at noon. Today's meeting covered the Vision Statement and Population & Economics. Yet to be received is the Environment Committee report. Deadline for all reports is May 15, 2006. Deadline for a consolidated draft is May 25, 2006. Lisa Horowitz will review the draft after completion.

Draft of the Land Use Committee was discussed. It was generally agreed that some sections of the draft will be dropped from the report and considered for inclusion in the Long Range Vision plan. Work needs to be done on the wording and tone of the draft.

Discussion was held regarding how specific the draft should be. It was determined that the Long Range Vision (20 years or more) would be much more specific and may take up to a year to complete. The Vision Statement from the 1993 original

Bigfork Neighborhood Plan will be included in the revised neighborhood plan for submission with the full report. The Long Range Vision will be adopted as an amendment framework for any future updates of the growth plan.

Sue Hanson offered two suggestions to be included in the growth plan submitted to Flathead County in June.

1. Require a one-year hiatus in zone and variance changes after adoption of the growth plan by the county.

2. Require a 30-day public notice period for any large application, with at least one public meeting, prior to submission to the Planning Office.

The Land Use Committee will take the suggestion under advisement.

Leslie Budewitz moved to defer any work on the Long Range Vision until after the Bigfork Growth Plan is submitted to Flathead County Planning Office. Al Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Hanson noted that the position for a BLUAC Member At Large (one-year) would 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 shall 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)

Announcements:

There will be a BLUAC meeting on May 25, 2006, 4:00 PM at the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Announcements, as well as the minutes are posted on the BSC website.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary