

**June 15, 2006 Minutes of
Bigfork Land Use Advisory Committee
SPECIAL MEETING**

Members present: Phil Hanson, John Bourquin, Shelley Gonzales, Mary Jo Naïve, Paul Guerrant, Clarice Ryan.

Copies of the Minutes of the May 25, 2006 meeting were provided the members. Minutes will be considered for approval at the next regular meeting, June 29, 2006.

Vice Chairman Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS:

First order of business for the Special Meeting was election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the ensuing year.

Phil Hanson nominated John Bourquin for the position of Chairman. Paul Guerrant seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, there was a call for the vote. John Bourquin was elected as Chairman by a unanimous vote. Chairman Bourquin then assumed the position and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Paul Guerrant nominated Phil Hanson for the position of Vice Chairman. Shelley Gonzales seconded the nomination. Phil Hanson commented that he would be pleased to serve as Vice Chairman but wanted it known that he would not be interested in becoming Chairman the following year.

Clarice Ryan nominated Paul Guerrant for the position of Vice Chairman. Phil Hanson seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, there was a call for the vote. Phil Hanson was elected as Vice Chairman by a voice vote from Paul Guerrant, Shelley Gonzales, Mary Jo Naïve and John Bourquin. Paul Guerrant received voice support from Phil Hanson and Clarice Ryan.

Shelley Gonzales nominated Sue Hanson for the position of Secretary. Paul Guerrant seconded the nomination. Sue Hanson was elected Secretary by a unanimous vote.

Second order of business was appointment of the Member at Large. Clarice Ryan handed the members a letter of application for the position for Darrel Coverdell. She provided an email from the second applicant, Diana Rahdert, who had withdrawn her letter of application.

Paul Guerrant moved that Darrel Coverdell be appointed to the position of Member at Large. Phil Hanson seconded the motion. Darrel Coverdell was given unanimous approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

BLUAC-BSC Relationship:

A letter, dated June 1 2006, from the Bigfork Steering Committee, was presented. The letter stated that on May 4, 20206, the Bigfork Steering Committee (BSC), with 26 members in attendance, unanimously passed the following:

“The Bigfork Steering Committee formally requests of the BLUAC the re-establishment of the supportive relationship between the BSC and BLUAC noting the importance of continuing the open discussion, volunteer efforts of the BSC and BLUAC, resolving conflicts and completion of the Bigfork Neighborhood Growth Plan.”

Under discussion, Paul Guerrant supported the reinstatement of the BSC. He added that he would like the BLUAC to receive all minutes of the BSC plus receive a verbal progress report at each regular BLUAC meeting.

Phil Hanson suggested the BSC was well represented on BLUAC, as most members had been active in Steering Committee activities.

Shelley Gonzales commented that the BSC has given thousands of hours to support the Bigfork community in the effort to develop an updated growth plan. She supported the reinstatement of BSC.

John Bourquin supports the relationship with BSC and agreed that it would be appropriate to receive the minutes of BSC. He thought attendance of BSC members at BLUAC meetings was a good idea.

Phil Hanson noted that there are at least four BSC meetings to one BLUAC meeting per month. He believes receiving minutes of the meetings are sufficient considering there are several members of BSC on our committee.

Phil Hanson moved BLUAC re-establish the supportive relationship between the BSC and BLUAC noting the importance of continuing the open discussion, volunteer efforts of the BSC and BLUAC, resolving conflicts and completion of the Bigfork Neighborhood Growth Plan, with the understanding BSC minutes will be emailed to BLUAC members and a monthly report be given. Shelley Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

BLUAC Bylaws:

Chairman Bourquin asked Clarice Ryan to report on the status of the revised bylaws forwarded to the county in April. Ryan explained that a copy had been provided to Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith and Planning Director Jeff Harris. She stated that Jonathan Smith had no formal comments. She provided the members with a copy of the bylaws with written notations of suggestions by Jeff Harris.

Chairman Bourquin entertained a motion that the revised bylaws be placed on hold for further study.

Shelley Gonzales made the motion that the Flathead County Commissioners return the April 27, 2006 revised bylaws for further study. Darrel Coverdell seconded the motion

Under discussion, Clarice was asked how many copies were distributed at the County level. She was unsure where the original copy signed by four members had ended up but knew that Jeff Harris and Jonathan Smith had unsigned copies. Several members expressed concern that there may be confusion at the county level with many copies distributed.

Shelley Gonzales amended the motion to state that all copies from Jeff Harris, Jonathan Smith and the Commissioners be returned to BLUAC. Phil Hanson seconded the motion to amend.

Motion shall read that the "Flathead County Commissioners, County Planning Director Jeff Harris and Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith return all copies of the April 27, 2006, revised BLUAC bylaws for further study and revision before they are finalized. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bourquin directed the Secretary to send a letter to all involved stating the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Training:

Clarice Ryan passed each member a copy of "BOARD TRAINING OUTLINE" prepared by Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Smith. She noted the purpose of the outline was to emphasize the legal obligations, code of ethics and conduct of meetings. As to public comment, Ryan stated that it was also emphasized that committee members give equal weight to both applicant and public comment.

Ryan gave each member a copy of "FVPZ Processing of Applications" which was removed from the former bylaw revision.

Each elected BLUAC member has received copies of the Flathead County Zoning, Subdivision, and Lake & Lakeshore Protection Regulations. Newly appointed Member at Large, Darrel Coverdell, will receive the same when the Planning Office is notified of his appointment. Secretary Hanson will notify the Planning Office.

Chairman Bourquin asked if there had been any reply to the request for an orientation by Planning Staff on the process and flow of applications plus the requests for complete application packets prior to meetings. Secretary Hanson noted there had been no reply to the request. Chairman Bourquin directed Secretary Hanson to make a second request to the Planning Office and ask if Kirsten Holland or another planner would provide this orientation at the next regular meeting on June 29, 2006.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Bourquin asked if there was any further business or public comment.

George Darrow complimented all BLUAC members for stepping forward and taking this responsibility on behalf of the Bigfork community. He expressed he was impressed by this first meeting and how engaged in the planning process the members appear. He joked that the members are not just entrusted with the unlovely name of BLUAC but are trustees and guardians of what Bigfork is, what Bigfork needs and the values of this community. He expressed his support and thanked the members for their volunteer time in such an important position in the community.

Chairman Bourquin noted there are no applications from the Planning Office for the next regular meeting on June 29, 2006. He suggested the committee meet to:

1. Roll up our sleeves and work on the bylaws.
2. Hopefully have an orientation from the Planning Office
3. Steering Committee report on the progress of the growth plan.

Darrel Coverdell moved the meeting adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary