

BLUAC Steering Committee
June 30, 2005 Minutes

Chairman Averill called the meeting to order at 3:12 PM. Minutes of the June 23, 2005 meeting were approved as mailed. Secretary Hanson noted an email from Russ Miller asking for clarification requested by his editor for the June 16, 2005 minutes. Miller stated that it was not he who was asking which BLUAC members had not attended the Steering Committee work sessions on the tally of the survey. Craig Wagner made the motion that the June 16, 2005 minutes be amended to strike Russ Miller's name and in place put "a committee member". Shelley Gonzales seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Sue Hanson reported that all surveys had been tallied with a total of 1,560 surveys counted (63 tally sheets). To date, 31 tally sheets have been completed for computer input and 33 for comment input, with 32 and 30 tally sheets yet to be recorded. Records are being kept on two computers for security and will be transferred to disc at the end of the process for storage. Discussion was held regarding storage of the completed tally sheets as well as surveys returned undeliverable. After a reasonable audit period, the paper products can be disposed of. Suggestion was made that the Planning Office may have storage room for the surveys.

The committee is looking for more volunteers to help with data entry. This can be done at home at the time of your choice. It works more smoothly to have one person read the tally sheet while another person types the data in the computer. On Thursday, July 7, 2005, there will be a training session at the Bethany Lutheran Church basement at 12:00 PM. All those willing to help with data input or comment input are encouraged to bring their laptops to the church for orientation in data entry.

If you are interested in helping with the data input, please contact Sue Hanson (btrfly@montanasky.net or 837-5323) and she will email both data templates so volunteers may familiarize themselves with the format. Copies of the templates will be available on CD as well.

New Business:

Doug Averill presented an email received from Tony Sagami which reads:

"Mr. Averill,

1. I am requesting copies of the attendance sheets for all the Bigfork Steering Committee meetings from its inception in the fall of 2004 through January 31, 2005.

2. To the best of your recollection, please tell me the date of the first Bigfork Steering Committee meeting. Please put that date in writing.

In the past, you have refused to directly respond to my emails to you.

I want to remind you that as Chairman of the Bigfork Steering Committee, you have pledged to serve all the citizens of Bigfork regardless of their religion, skin color, or country or origin. I will regard anything less than a prompt and personal response from you to be an act of discrimination against me.

Tony Sagami"

Clarice Ryan noted that official minutes of the BLUAC Steering Committee are available to the public in the BLUAC binder at the Bigfork Library. Clarice maintains both BLUAC minutes and minutes of the Steering Committee in the binder for the use of the public. Sue Hanson noted that minutes were also emailed to all committee members who had provided email addresses. Averill stated he had been advised that since this is specifically related to the BLUAC Steering Committee, a response should come through the regular minutes of the Steering Committee, as everyone is provided the same information. Due to the tone and nature of the email it was advised a copy be sent to the Flathead County Attorney. At question is whether the Committee can legally release personal information of signatures, telephone numbers and email

addresses without the consent of each person on the lists. It was also noted that the Committee must do a better job of informing the public at large about the availability of the minutes and the progress of the survey process.

There was discussion of news that the Flathead County Commissioners were considering a moratorium on Growth Policy amendments until the Planning Office can catch up with increased workload. Johna Morrison has left the Planning Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM

Sue Hanson
Secretary